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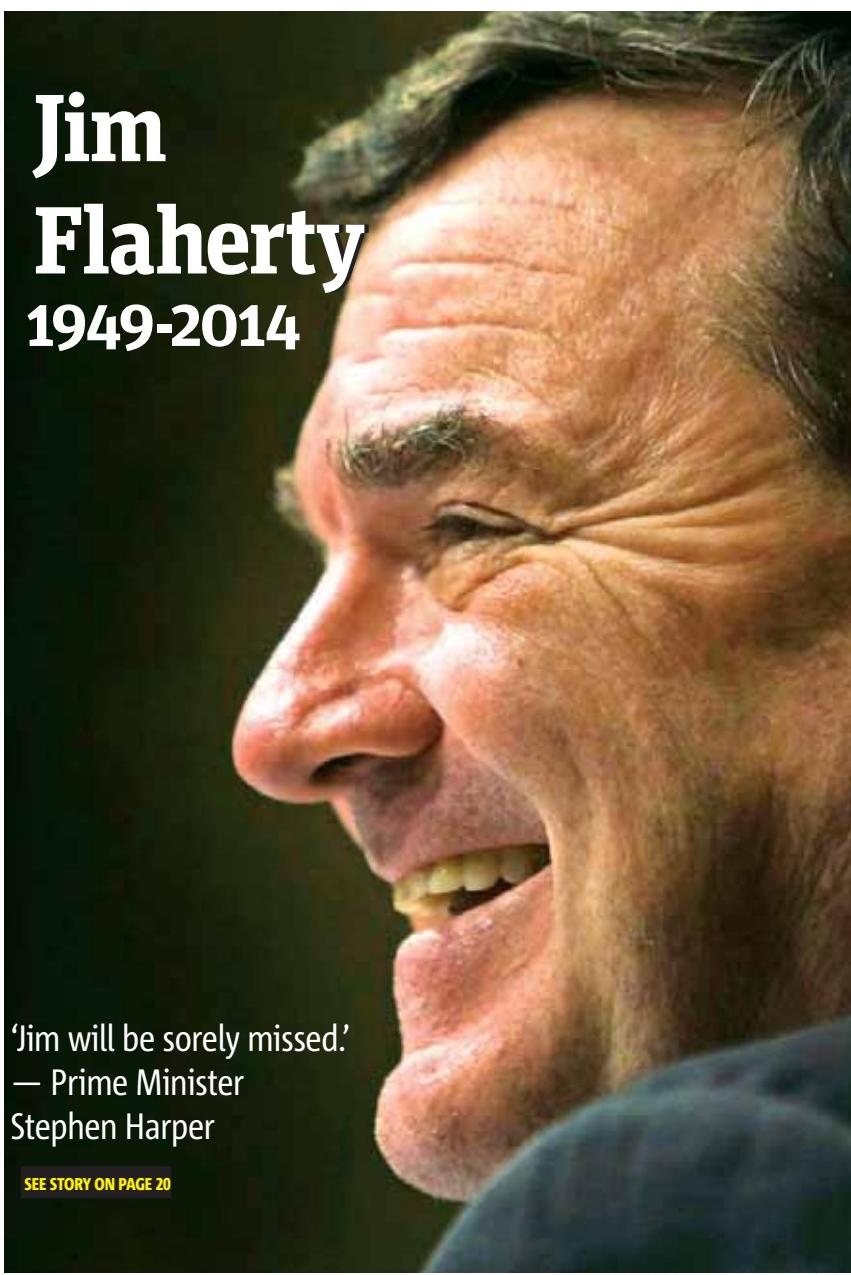
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— Prime Minister
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Act targets animal atrocities

Harsher penalties sought. Muzzle cases, police-dog stabbing prompt legislature push



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Two animal-cruelty cases that sparked widespread outcry are the driving force behind a new bill that would see harsher penalties for those who abuse and neglect, says the Calgary MLA leading the charge.

Len Webber gave formal notice Thursday that he will introduce Bill 205, the Animal Protection Amendment Act, in the Alberta legislature next week. If approved, the act would see maximum fines for animal abuse and neglect more than doubled to \$50,000 and also introduce the potential of up to six months jail time.

Webber said in an interview Thursday the bill comes in response to the brutal stabbing death of Edmonton Police Service dog Quanto in the line of duty last October as well as two disturbing cases in January that saw a cat and

dog found dead in the same southeast Calgary alley with tape over their mouths.

Webber said he attended a rally in Nose Hill after the deaths and heard unanimously that penalties for abusers aren't tough enough.

"There certainly are a lot of passionate animal lovers in Calgary and in Alberta," he said. "Their concerns are the driving push behind this."

The bill offered from the recently turned independent MLA, who left the governing Tory party amid frustration with the leadership of then-premier Alison Redford, piqued the interest of provincial Solicitor General and Justice Minister Jonathan Denis, whose own Calgary-Acadia riding covers the alley where the starved cat and dog were found.

"I'm looking forward to reading the bill Monday ... what happened was disgusting, it was inhumane, these animals didn't deserve this," Denis said.

But Brad Nichols, head of cruelty investigations with the Calgary Humane Society, who has been heading up the fatal muzzling cases, said the bill would likely only have an impact if mandatory minimums were introduced.

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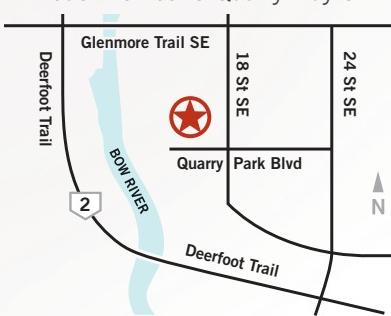
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Should province fund independent post-secondaries?

Provincial officials defended their decision to fund independent post-secondary institutions Thursday, as some faculty and students from larger schools questioned whether the money could be put to better use.

Metro published an analysis Thursday comparing the funding of all 26 institutions in the province for the 2014-15 school year against their funding in 2012-13, prior to sweeping operational cuts.

Five independent institutions — Ambrose University College, Canadian University College, Concordia University College of Alberta, St. Mary's University College and The King's University College — were spared the axe. Now, with cash coming back into the sector, the five independents appear to have been awarded higher percentage increases than all others.

The discrepancy didn't sit well with Adam Woods, vice-president external for the U of A Students' Union.

"Institutions are going to vary in what they get, but it's a bit disconcerting to see some institutions are getting dramatically cut, while others that aren't necessarily in the public interest are receiving increases."

But John Muir, spokesperson for the provincial advanced education ministry, noted the independent schools receive just a fraction of the funds of larger universities: the \$25.4 million spread across the five sites next year doesn't even total the \$27.2 million pledged to Olds College.

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Frustration over long lines for the Bermuda Shorts Day beer garden at the University of Calgary has led to violent altercations in the past, according to Students' Union President Raphael Jacob. COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY STUDENTS' UNION

Beer-garden dispute leaves a bitter taste

Bermuda Shorts Day shortchanged? Union being unfairly blamed for rowdy drunks off site, says student prez



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Frustration is fermenting among student leaders at the University of Calgary after school administrators denied a pitch to boost the size of their famed Bermuda Shorts Day beer garden.

Raphael Jacob, head of the U of C Students' Union, said his organization — which

puts on the annual beer garden-concert — is being unfairly blamed for the antics of a few revellers binge-drinking away from the official site.

"When (students) are pre-drinking in residence that has nothing to do with us.... When they're immediately outside the beer gardens in line, when they're in our event area, 100 per cent we take responsibility," Jacob said.

Bermuda Shorts Day (BSD) was first held in 1960, and in 1989 the SU and university joined forces for one large concert event, complete with beer garden. In 2013, the garden had room for 4,400 students, but Jacob said about 10,000 wristbands are sold every year.

Event details

Bermuda Shorts Day 2014 takes place Monday, with the beer gardens open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists this year include Smalltown DJs, Jah Cutta, Copuncher and Los Kung Fu Monkeys.

The SU had hoped to have space for 5,000 partiers this time around, but Jacob said university administrators had a last-minute change of heart. His organization found out this week the additional space request had been denied — and BSD 2014 is due to go ahead Monday.

Jacob said the SU believes

it had the necessary space but noted the Calgary Fire Department offers final approval after reviewing the space the morning of the event.

U of C officials responded to Metro's inquiry with a written statement: "The university felt that, in the interest of safety and security for all people on campus, it would be prudent to maintain the current capacity at the level it had been for many successful years."

But Jacob said he believes adding space in the gardens may have actually cut down on issues elsewhere.

"We've had altercations in the line.... They're massive," he said. "This would make it generally safer for everyone."

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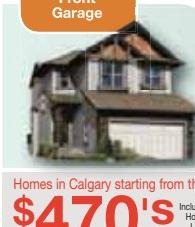
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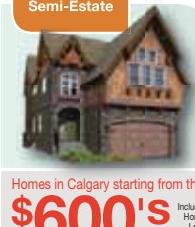
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Protesters made their case against a cycle track on 1 Street SE to city staff at Dragon City Mall Thursday. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Planners debunk cycle track woes

Protest. Group says Chinatown-area seniors are worried about traffic impacts

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By the numbers
7,000

The average daily vehicle count on 1 Street SE north of 4 Avenue, on the east side of Chinatown. In sections of the street south of 4 Avenue, the counts range from 17,000 to 27,000, according to city data.

Protesters opposed to the city's proposed Centre City Cycle Track greeted city transportation planners at a public engagement session Thursday ahead of a key committee meeting next week on the issue.

About a dozen sign-carrying members of Calgary's Chinese community came out to the Dragon City Mall to express concerns over what their spokesperson described as a lack of consultation from city

officials.

"It looks to me like they already have a decision before they announce to the public," Richard Poon told reporters on behalf of the group.

But city transportation engineer Blanka Bracic said that's simply not the case.

"The city has been talking with the public, including people in the Chinatown area, for several months now and no decisions have been made,"

Bracic said. "That's why we're here today."

The public will also be welcome to make presentations directly to members of city council at the transportation and transit committee meeting on Wednesday, Bracic added, ahead of council's vote on the proposed network on April 28.

Poon said residents were also concerned about the loss of a vehicle lane on 1 Street SE near the Bow River.

"From Riverfront to Fourth Avenue, this is only two actual lanes for the cars," he said. "If they try to take away one more lane, that means it will become only one lane for vehicles."

Bracic, however, said that's not part of the plan and two lanes of southbound motor-vehicle traffic will remain in place in that area, as will the parking on both sides of the street.

Next Tory leader must be humble: Stelmach

Former Alberta premier Ed Stelmach says the province's next Conservative leader needs to be modest, humble and acknowledge that mistakes have been made.

Stelmach, who was premier from 2006 to 2011, says whoever is chosen to replace Alison Redford will also need to connect communities across Alberta.

Redford resigned March 19 amid a spreading scandal over

lavish travel expenses, flights, and perks for herself and her inner circle.

Opinion polls show the Tories dipped to historically low popularity levels under Redford, but Stelmach says the party has been low in the polls before and he's confident it will recover. No one has officially announced they will run for the party's leadership, which ends with a vote by members in September.

Stelmach says whoever throws their hat in the ring will have two years of hard work to win the leadership, a byelection if they're not already elected, and then campaigning for the election in 2016. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Ed Stelmach

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'There is no anonymity for you'

Operation ICE storm.
Charges laid against 10 men in child-porn sting

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Southern Alberta police conceded Thursday that even with thousands of images and videos containing child pornography seized and charges laid

against 10 men, their efforts would have "minimal impact" on the proliferation of such disturbing material.

The arrests and seizures came as a result of a months-long sting dubbed Operation ICE Storm. Six of the accused were Calgary men, while others hailed from Lethbridge, Okotoks and Pincher Creek.

"What we're wanting to do with this operation is send a very strong message to those people who are inclined to

search for, share and horde those images," explained Staff Sgt. John Guigon with the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams. "The message is that we're watching, there is no anonymity for you."

Guigon said it was quite possible more charges and potentially new suspects could be uncovered as efforts continued to sift through the disturbing material — more than 330 computers and electronic devices were seized. Some of the

victims were as young as six months old, investigators said.

Facing charges are Adam Broeske, 27, of Calgary, Brian Harrison, 65, of Pincher Creek, Brandon Hersey, 28, of Calgary, Paul Marshall, 47, of Lethbridge, Dave Munroe, 54, of Lethbridge, Matthew Rolph, 22, of Calgary, Ockert Stewart, 28, Ian St. Louis, 56, of Calgary, Randall Scott, 52, of Calgary and Kyle Ware, 27, of Okotoks.

Collectively, the accused face 30 charges.



Staff Sgt. John Guigon addresses reporters on charges related to Operation ICE Storm. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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Police seek suspect after indecent acts

Calgary police are asking the public for help in identifying a male suspect they believe committed indecent acts in front of several young girls on Wednesday.

In two separate incidents, the man was reported to be masturbating in public, each time in front of a pair of girls.

The first incident happened at about 3:45 p.m. in the 2700 block of 49 Street SW, when two 11-year-old girls encoun-

tered the man while walking.

"The youth allege the man, who was standing at the back of a vehicle, began touching himself as he watched them walk by," police said in a release.

Then, at 4:25 p.m., two 14-year-old girls walking in the 300 block of Sienna Park Drive SW reported a similar incident.

The suspect was described as about 25 to 30 years old,

with a medium skin tone, possibly Hispanic, and about 5-foot-11 with short black hair. He was wearing a black jacket and blue jeans.

The vehicle in the first incident was described as a four-door sedan, silver or gold in colour.

Police urge anyone with information about either incident or the identity of the suspect to call them at 403-266-1234. METRO



Police released this composite sketch of the suspect. HANDOUT

Alison Redford. Still absent from legislature, but back on Twitter

Alison Redford has resurfaced in politics, but only on Twitter. Redford has been silent since she resigned as premier three weeks ago, and has not been in the legislature to represent her riding of Calgary-Elbow.

But she has started tweeting as a member of the legislature.

Her first tweet talked about how she is excited to have Stephen Colbert replace David Letterman as host of TV's Late Show.

Opposition members say Redford needs to get back to the legislature to carry out her duties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Calgary's skyline at night, as seen from the city's Shaganappi Point Golf Course. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

No big changes since 'Bright Skies'

Light pollution bylaw.

Rules adopted one year ago aim to 'put light where we want it,' councillor says



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et-shifting change," Coun. Brian Pincott said Thursday of the "Bright Skies" bylaw that council unanimously adopted April 8, 2012. "But I think it's raised lighting as a consideration, and the impacts of lighting."

The bylaw mandates a reduced level of "light spill" from newly installed outdoor light fixtures, but does not apply retroactively.

Pincott said more changes will come as existing buildings are renovated or redeveloped — something he expects to be accelerated as those in the private sector see the cost savings that come with more modern "full-cut-off fixtures" that prevent light from shining

"It wasn't going to be a plan-

Armed Forces

Military man guilty of sex assault

The former commanding officer of an Armed Forces base in Alberta has been found guilty of sexual assault.

A military judge found that Maj. David Yurczyn groped a woman's breast near the Wainwright training base nearly two years ago.

At the beginning of his court martial this week, Yurczyn pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness under the National Defence Act. But he denied grabbing the woman at a party on Remembrance Day in 2012.

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Let it shine

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The approximate number of city-owned streetlights in Calgary. The city is working to retrofit many fixtures with LED bulbs and better "cutoff," so less light shines toward the sky.

skyward.

"It's a really easy economic case to make," he said. "This is all about cutting waste."

Metro made several inquiries this week, but no members of city staff were able to speak to the effects of the bylaw so far.

Set For Life. Calgarian scoops up \$1M in lotto win

Maybe she's not completely set for life, but one Calgarian is a lot closer after a big lotto win on a scratch ticket.

Sarah Bowman took a detour after finishing up work to purchase a \$5 Set for Life scratch and win ticket, and it turned into the game's top prize of \$1 million. Bowman bought the ticket at the Gateway Newsstand on 4th Avenue SW.

"I was shocked," she said. "I just sat there for half an hour staring at it." Bowman plans to pay off her mortgage and some bills before investing the rest for the future.

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Calgary pastor faces sex-crime charges

Crime. Police allege controversial churchman Larry Jones committed acts against children



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Authorities allege pastor Larry Jones committed sex crimes against two female children in a case dating back decades ago.

The charges stem from an investigation into one of Jones' fellow Baptist church leaders, deacon Russ Rodman, who was sentenced to jail earlier this year for molesting young boys, according to investigators.

Police say one woman claimed to have been sexually abused over a decade starting in 1979 when she was five years old. The other victim was reported be nine years old when the alleged abuse began in 1986 and continued until she was 19.

Detective Jeff Klinger said one of the two victims had first come forward in the early '90s, but the case was dropped.

"When Mr. Rodman turned himself in, the door was open again," Klinger said Thursday.



Det. Jeff Klinger, of the Calgary Police Service child abuse unit, speaks to reporters on Thursday. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

Charges

Thomas Larry Jones has been charged with: Indecent assault of a female, three counts of gross indecency, four counts of sexual assault, two counts of sexual interference and two counts of sexual exploitation.

another victim was identified."

For Jones, it's the latest development in his legal history. The 69-year-old Calgarian gained notoriety during his fight to teach children — including his own — in a church basement.

At the media briefing, Klinger was keen to remove religion from discussion over the charges. But he still suggested the allegations factored into the downfall of the northwest Western Baptist Church in the early '90s.

Reporters were also told the unspecified facility had rebounded under new leadership and the victims were coping when interviewed during the investigation.

Current church pastor Michael Martin said he talked to Jones shortly before the charges were laid.

"He was upset," Martin told Metro. "These are just allegations."

"He says, 'I know I didn't do it.' So we just have to wait for the courts to decide the matter."

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IN DEFENCE OF
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Earlier this week, Alberta voted against supporting a motion that would give this province's students an opportunity that so many of us wish we had when we were younger.

The vote against Motion 503, which would make it mandatory for Alberta schools to allow for the creation of gay-straight alliances, marked a time that PCs and the Wildrose were unified. Sadly, it was against supporting their LGBTQ constituents.

I reached out to some of the MLAs who voted against MLA Kent Hehr's motion. Of the MLAs I contacted, PC MLA Linda Johnson told me she voted against the bill because "The school boards have the authority on how those (groups) are operated."

In a Facebook post on the subject, Calgary-Currie MLA Christine Cusanelli said it was a school principal's duty "to assist my students in creating a gay-straight alliance group." Later she seemingly offered up a different reason for her nay vote, in a tweet stating "MLA carries constituency voice."

But it's the Wildrose vote on this motion that concerns me the most. The very right-

leaning party lost momentum in 2012 when some candidates expressed anti-gay views and it seems they've got a way to go.

Wildrose MLAs present for Monday's vote voted against GSAs in schools. Every one. It would be an awfully big coincidence for all the Wildrose MLAs to only represent ridings that feel that GSAs in schools are not necessary.

It's something I hope many Albertans remember when we go back to the polls in 2016.

Some MLAs are blaming their constituents, others are saying it's up to the school boards. That would be fine, except that in 2012, the Alberta School Boards Association rejected a policy proposal that would protect gay students and staff from discrimination.

According to a recent study, both gay and straight students are less likely to consider suicide when programs such as school-based gay-straight alliances exist. Isn't that more important than what a bigot with too much time on his hands has to say to their MLA?

Of course MLAs will never be able to speak for every constituent. But as long as they continue to support those who spout fear and hate, instead of supporting our youth, both gay and straight, I'm afraid it's going to take something tragic for there to be change. And then who will we blame?

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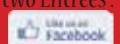
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Bits and bobs

Do elephants really never forget?

- The Smithsonian National Zoo already has four elephants ready and waiting for Maharani, Kamala and Swarna. The latter two pachyderms were actually in the same Sri Lankan sanctuary with some of the Smithsonian elephants when they were all much younger.
- Tony Barthel, a curator at the Smithsonian, said it will be tough to assess whether the elephants recognize each other, given that they

were so young at the time of separation. "It's not clear what it will mean to them, but it's fascinating nonetheless," he said.

Farewell for Calgary Zoo fans:

- The Calgary Zoo has been hosting farewell festivities for the departing elephants that run until Sunday. Over the weekend, an elephant-trek contest, elephant-themed face-painting and games are being planned.
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Colleen Baird, Eurasia curator at the Calgary Zoo, other elephants to the Smithsonian National Zoo

By the numbers

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A trans-North American journey for elephant trio

Farewell voyage.

Officials reveal how the Calgary Zoo plans to transport three of its larger attractions to Washington, D.C.

Packing supplies for three gargantuan pachyderms due to trek across the continent is no picnic.

Actually getting the animals to their final destination may yet prove an even tougher challenge.

But staff at the Calgary Zoo say they've been preparing for their larger-than-life road trip for the better part of two years, basically since announcing that elephants Kamala, Swarna and Maharani were soon to find a new home at the Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington, D.C. A fourth elephant, Spike, was transported with few in-

cidents to Busch Gardens in Tampa Bay, Fla., last September.

The travel itinerary is fluid but the planning has been meticulous. For starters, the team has mapped out three possible routes to the capital and weighed potential issues with crossing the U.S. border, traffic congestion and, of course, weather conditions.

"It's hard enough to predict the weather here, let alone across an entire country," said Colleen Baird, the Calgary Zoo's Eurasia curator. "I'm like a weather freak now — it's ridiculous."

Come travel day, the elephants will be ushered into massive crates — they've been working on getting comfortable inside them since January — and then a crane will lift each onto one of two waiting trucks. Each truck comes with a "support RV" where a team with a multitude of expertise will be able to gauge the temperature inside the crates and

keep a close eye over their precious cargo through the use of on-board cameras.

Every three to five hours, the elephant caravan will stop so the animals can be fed and cleaned. The process can be a tad messy, according to Baird.

"They (zoo staff) remove all the feces and stuff that's piling up — that doesn't stop because we're in the car, unfortunately," she said.

The hope is to transport all three elephants together across the country.

"We have to think about the group dynamic," Baird said. "These girls have never been separated, they've lived together their whole lives.... We don't want to split them up if we don't have to."

But contingency plans are in place should an elephant become ill or unsettled. Baird said zoos along their chosen route have been notified of the caravan and the potential need for assistance should a prob-

lem arise. If all goes according to plan, the elephants should arrive in Washington in three days.

Tony Barthel, a curator at the Smithsonian, said Thursday his team is "very excited" for the arrival of its newest residents. There are plans to breed some of the Calgary elephants with those at the Washington attraction.

"Hopefully this group we're bringing in, along with the group we already have here, will form a herd that will last well into the future," Barthel said.

Baird and her team, meanwhile, will keep close tabs on how the elephants are faring during a planned five-year transition period. But she said she has every confidence the beloved trio are in good hands.

"It's not goodbye forever... We'll just come visit them like normal people do," she said. "I'll probably never fully let them go." JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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No Calgary finish line? Tour of Alberta expected to end in Edmonton this year

Organizers haven't confirmed it yet, but it appears this year's Tour of Alberta will see professional cyclists proceed in the opposite direction from last year's inaugural event, with the race ending in Edmonton instead of Calgary.

"They did indicate that Edmonton would be the finish this year," Cochrane town councillor Ross Watson told Metro Thursday, after an earlier meeting with race organizers.

A call to Alberta Peleton Association, which organizes

Too high for Cochrane

Ross Watson had been pressing to have Cochrane be a "start and finish community" for one of the legs of the six-day race, but said the associated costs were "a little too rich" for the town.

the event, wasn't returned Thursday. The second Tour of Alberta is set for Sept. 2-7, 2014, according to the race website. METRO

Glenmore Trail

Man cut from serious crash

Traffic on eastbound Glenmore Trail was slowed to a crawl Thursday afternoon after a serious crash.

Fire crews were forced to extricate a passenger

from a transport truck involved in the crash at around 3:45 p.m. on eastbound Glenmore at 14 Street S.W.

The man was transferred by EMS to hospital.

Two lanes of Glenmore were affected by the crash.

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Zombies to rise for apocalypse simulation



A costumed zombie is pictured during a simulation exercise at an Edmonton-area strip mall in February. COURTESY STAY DEAD EVENTS

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In her first clash with the undead, it didn't take long before Jenn Zilla morphed into a cold-hearted, zombie-bashing survivalist.

While she describes herself as nerdy and a "five-foot-nothing 90-pounder," Zilla admits to adopting a no-holds-barred attitude once immersed in the

Fright or flight

"My adrenalin didn't stop until I got home that night."

Jenn Zilla, who experienced the zombie simulation

live-action simulation exercise coming to Calgary next month.

"People were nice, but if they threatened our well-being they were done," she said.

During the first weekend in May, Calgarians can sign up for the 18-hour challenge being hosted at the Sarcee 7 Chiefs Sports Development Centre.

Starting at 5 a.m., participants will be given a backpack filled with protein bars, water and a small foamy weapon. Civilians are outfitted with more ghoulish garb once they become infected. The last survivor wins.

Event manager Mark Anthony Howards-Stones recalled how intense the first Edmonton-area became inside an abandon strip mall.

"We had people who needed oxygen because their friends betrayed them and threw them to zombies," he said.

The event costs \$150 for players and is free for zombies.

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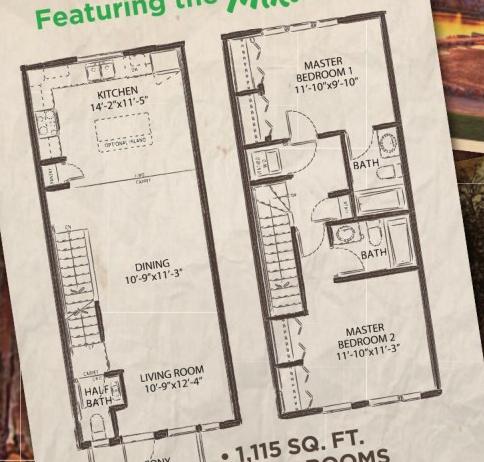
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Millard now charged in his father's death

First-degree murder charges. Toronto man already accused in Tim Bosma's case

A Toronto man accused of killing a Hamilton father who disappeared after taking a pair of prospective buyers for a test drive has now been charged with murder in the death of his own father and another woman.

Dellen Millard has been charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Wayne Millard and Laura Babcock, with whom Dellen was romantically linked, Ontario provincial police said Thursday.

Mark Smich is also charged with first-degree murder in Babcock's death.



Dellen Millard
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Officers have "attended and spoken with the Babcock family," Toronto police Staff Insp. Greg McLane said in a

news conference.

"We'd ask that the victims' families be afforded privacy during these very, very difficult times."

Millard's lawyer, Deepak Paradkar, would not comment on the new charges but said he would "defend the case zealously."

He had previously dismissed any connection between the three cases as speculation.

Millard, 28, and Smich, 26, are charged with first-degree murder in the death of Tim Bosma, who vanished May 6, 2013 after leaving home in his pick-up with two men. He had posted the truck for sale online.

His remains were found about a week later burned beyond recognition at a southwestern Ontario farm belonging to Millard.

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Syria

Civilian food crisis at its worst: UN

The United Nations says the food crisis facing displaced Syrian civilians has now reached the worst-case scenario, with no end in sight.

That is forcing the UN World Food Program to cut food distribution by 16 per cent this month to millions of internally displaced people and refugees after a 20 per cent cut in March, said Muhamad Hadi, the agency's emergency co-ordinator for Syria.

This comes as more people than ever before are solely dependent on the agency to feed them. The WFP predicts its desperate client list — from inside Syria and neighbouring countries — to grow from 5.8 million to seven million by year end, said Hadi.

"From day one, we have prepared ourselves for the worst-case scenario, but the fact is we never thought the worst-case scenario would be for so long," Hadi said.

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Leadership not in sight. Yet.

Blamed in some quarters for derailing the Parti Québécois campaign, newly elected MLA Pierre Karl Peladeau walks in to the PQ special caucus Thursday in Quebec City. He says "it's too early" to talk about him seeking leadership of the party. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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A cadet checks computers at the Cyber Research Center at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., Wednesday. The cadets are fending off cyber-attacks this week as part of an exercise involving all the service academies. MEL EVANS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cyber-defence week for cadets

West Point. U.S. military's annual exercise pits cadets against NSA experts

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"We're playing ball against a major-league team."

Cadet John Zeidler on the military exercise, which matches NSA computer experts against cadets

If Douglas MacArthur or Ulysses S. Grant went to the U.S. Military Academy today, they might be testing their defensive skills hunched in front of a computer screen.

A team of caffeine-fuelled cadets is spending long days this week in a computer lab trying to fend off threats cooked up by experts at the National Security Agency. The annual Cyber Defence Exercise running through Thursday will determine which of the five

service academies can create computer networks that can best withstand the four-day barrage.

The 14-year-old exercise lacks the lore of Army-Navy football but not the intensity. Not only does the exercise dovetail into the military's broader strategy of staying ahead of the curve in cyber-operations, but the West Point cadets relish the chance to test their computer

skills against their peers.

"This is the Army-Navy game for our electrical engineering and computer science departments ... this is our chance to beat the other service academies," said Cadet Jason DeCoursey of Little Rock, Ark.

DeCoursey was one of about 30 senior cadets crammed in a windowless computer lab at the academy on Wednesday. The exercise is essentially a high-tech game of capture the flag: The NSA team attempts to capture "tokens" embedded in the academies' networks. The academies for Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine compete, and the one that does the best job fending off the barrage of cyber-attacks is declared the winner.

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'Cuban Twitter' hearing

Committee wants USAID's records

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee asked the U.S. Agency for International Development on Thursday to turn over all records about the secret 'Cuban Twitter' program as part of a broader review of the agency's civil-society efforts worldwide.

Cuban subscribers weren't told about Washington's role in the text message-based cellphone service, which was meant to undermine Cuba's communist government.

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Arctic flight

Pilots fired for flying off course

A northern air carrier has fired two pilots after they flew a plane so far off course on a routine Arctic flight that it took about 20 minutes to get back.

As for what caused the error, Peter Hildebrand of the Transportation Safety Board said, "We're still working to find that out."

The Boeing 737 left Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, on a routine flight to Iqaluit on March 31. It was carrying 19 passengers and four crew.

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Gay rights

Groups to hold anti-gay rally

Two groups in Ethiopia said Thursday that they will hold an anti-gay demonstration later this month, a move that puts Ethiopia in line to become the next African country to increase the public demonization of gays.

Although gay sex is already outlawed in Ethiopia, the rally set for April 26 comes as the parliament considers making homosexual acts ineligible for presidential pardons.

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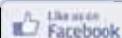
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Pollution in China



Chinese artist Liang Kegang poses with his jar of fresh air in an art gallery in Beijing.
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Breath of French air fetches \$860

Beijing artist Liang Kegang returned from a business trip in southern France with a small item of protest against his home city's choking pollution: a glass jar of clean, Provence air.

He put it up for auction before a group of about 100 Chinese artists and collectors late last month, and it fetched 5,250 yuan (\$860).

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Road trip to touch 90 cities

We Create Change

Tour. Free the Children ambassador Spencer West leading group visiting schools across Canada over 10 weeks

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"Fifty-seven million children are still denied access to education."

Spencer West

world.

"Fifty-seven million children are still denied access to education," said West, who lost both his legs at the age of five. "I've had the chance to speak with young people around the world who dream of changing their lives and the lives of their families through education."

Starting Friday, Free the Children ambassador Spencer West, along with friends from the band Neverest, 11-year-old activist Hannah Alper and cast members from Degrassi, are visiting schools across the country as part of the We Create Change Tour.

This unique trip is billed as a "mini We Day" — Free the Children's annual event inspiring youth to get involved and make a difference in their community and the

Visit metronews.ca to follow our interactive map chronicling West's journey.

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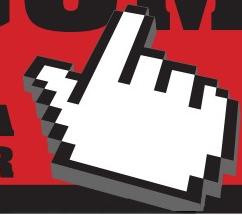
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'Today is a very sad day'

Jim Flaherty. Death of former finance minister stuns Parliament Hill

Jim Flaherty died suddenly Thursday at age 64, less than a month after retiring from his post as Canada's finance minister.

Flaherty, who spent eight years in the role, had been ill for some time, though that was not cited as a reason for his resignation.

The news rocked the House of Commons, as politicians mourned the loss of a finance minister who trudged through a financial crisis and recession and balanced the once rocky Canadian budget.

"Today is a very sad day — for me, for our government and for all of our country. I learned a short time ago that our colleague, my partner and my friend Jim Flaherty has passed away suddenly today," Prime Minister Stephen Harper told MPs in a Parliament



Finance Minister Jim Flaherty receives a standing ovation from Health Minister Tony Clement, left, and other caucus members as he tables the federal budget in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in 2006. TOM HANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hill committee room with his wife Laureen in tears by his side.

"This comes as an unexpected and terrible shock to Jim's family, to our caucus and

to Laureen and me."

Question period was suspended Thursday after the news broke. The usually rousing chamber was in a lull, with politicians hugging, crying

and mourning together.

"It was very, very sombre, sad, but shocking, obviously," said NDP MP Paul Dewar, adding that, unlike other finance ministers, Flaherty brought

a certain levity to the usually stressful environment. "He had that twinkle in his eye and he had a great sense of humour that brought something to the House of Commons and

the politics, which is all too often not there."

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird expressed his condolences in a written statement Thursday, calling Flaherty a "good friend and colleague for over two decades."

"Jim was a mentor to me throughout my time at Queen's Park from a very young age," wrote Baird. "I could always rely on Jim to be a devout friend through tough times, and an encouraging figure through good."

Former Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page, now a professor at the University of Ottawa, spent extensive time on the job with Flaherty and although the two butted heads on several issues, Page acknowledged how good a finance minister Flaherty was.

"It's a loss for the country for sure," said Page. "It's just an exhausting job, but he certainly rose to the occasion."

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Brazeau arrested on charges of assault, cocaine possession

Gatineau, Que.

Suspended senator pleads not guilty after police find him in 'physical altercation' with woman

Suspended senator Patrick Brazeau pleaded not guilty on Thursday to several charges, including assault and cocaine possession.

Police arrested the 39-year-old in Gatineau, near Ottawa, at around 4 a.m. Thursday following a domestic assault call. Police say they arrived to find Brazeau and a woman in a "physical altercation." A 50-year-old man was also at the house.

Brazeau was charged with two counts of assault, uttering death threats, cocaine possession and breach of conditions. He briefly appeared in court wearing handcuffs. He did not look at reporters.

He also has one charge of assault and one charge of sexual assault outstanding from 2013.

Brazeau was to be held in custody overnight and was due to reappear in court Friday morning for a bail hearing.

Crown prosecutor Sylvain Petitclerc said he asked to keep Brazeau in custody to assure the safety of others and because he breached bail conditions.

"We cannot just let him go free as a bird like that," he said, adding that depending on the bail hearing, Brazeau could be kept in custody again or be released with certain conditions.

A huge pile of what appeared to be Brazeau's belongings were strewn all over the back door of his girlfriend's house, including photographs, his Certificate of Indian Status card, clothing and CDs.

Gatineau police say the 50-year-old man also on the scene will be charged with assault. **LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO IN OTTAWA**



Patrick Brazeau is escorted into the Gatineau Court House on Thursday.

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Access to information. Report shows Tory staffers interfered with requests

The Information Commissioner of Canada has found evidence of "systemic interference" with access to information requests by three Conservative staff members, and suggests bringing in the police.

But the Public Works Department, where the interference occurred, says it won't be referring the matter to the RCMP because police did not lay charges in a similar case.

Suzanne Legault delivered her second report Thursday following an investigation into cases that

date back to 2009 in the office of cabinet minister Christian Paradis, who was Public Works minister at the time.

She had already found against staff member, Sébastien Togneri, in a previous investigation, but found that Togneri and two of his colleagues interfered in five other instances.

Togneri, Jillian Andrews and Marc Toupin had all insisted on changes or modifications to government records that bureaucrats had already cleared for release. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

UN study

Murder rates dip globally, stay high in Africa, Americas

Global murder rates have declined slightly, but remain very high in the Americas and parts of Af-

rica, according to a new UN study released Thursday.

Homicide rates in southern Africa and Central America are more than four times higher than the global average of 6.2 victims per 100,000 people, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime report said.

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Google Glass. Novelty eyewear coming to everyday consumers

A lot more people are about to get a chance to own the Internet-connected eyewear known as Google Glass, the hottest accessory in geek fashion.

Google will sell the "Explorer" version of Glass to any U.S. resident who places an online order for the device beginning at 9 a.m. PDT on April 15. It will cost \$1,500, the same price that Google Inc. has charged for Glass since sales of the device began.

Thursday's announcement



Reporter Barbara Ortutay explores the uses of Google Glass in the kitchen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

about the general sale didn't specify how many more sets of Glass will be available.

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First Nations

Education bill faces backlash

The federal government's First Nations education bill was tabled Thursday despite complaints from some aboriginal groups, who say they still lack control over their own education. THE CANADIAN PRESS

White-nose syndrome

Bat-killing disease spreads further

White-nose syndrome has been detected in bats across half of the U.S., officials said Thursday. The disease, which is known for its fuzzy spots, only affects bats and not humans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fighting against jet lag? There's an app for that



Michigan researchers say mathematical formulas suggest it's possible to adjust to new time zones a bit faster than previously thought, and created a free app to help jet lagged travellers. JOERG KOCH/GETTY IMAGES

Science. Researchers have developed an iPhone tool to help weary travellers

Lots of apps claim they can help you fight jet lag. Now Michigan researchers say mathematical formulas suggest it's possible to adjust to new time zones a bit faster than previously thought, and they created their own free app to help.

Doctors have long said exposure to light is key. But how much, and when?

"If you get light in the wrong time or wrong way, it'll send you the wrong direction," said University of Michigan math professor Daniel Forger, who led the research published Thursday.

A master biological clock, called a circadian rhythm,

regulates when we become sleepy and when we're more alert. Travel across time zones and the body clock has to reset itself.

Light is that clock's strongest regulator. It's possible to customize a block of time each day when you should be in light, the brighter the better, and another when you should avoid it. Forger's team reported in the journal PLoS Computational Biology.

A free iPhone app named Entrain does the calculations. Stay indoors, or stay up later, and it adjusts the advice.

The app hasn't been tested with travellers yet to see whether it really helps more than general advice, such as to seek morning light when travelling eastward. But after using it, travellers will be given a choice of submitting their data to a University of Michigan study.

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Obama pays tribute to LBJ

Civil Rights Act. The law ended racial discrimination in public spaces in the U.S.

Barack Obama, America's first black president, declared Thursday that he had "lived out the promise" envisioned by Lyndon B. Johnson, the president who championed the push for greater racial equality with sweeping civil rights legislation a half century ago.

Marking the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, which Johnson signed into law, Obama lauded his Democratic predecessor's ability to grasp like few others the power of government to bring about change and swing open the doors of opportunity for millions of Americans.

"They swung open for you and they swung open for



President Barack Obama speaks at the LBJ Presidential Library, Thursday, in Austin, Texas, during the Civil Rights Summit to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

me," he said. "That's why I'm standing here today."

Obama spoke at the end of a three-day summit commemorating the landmark law that ended racial discrimination in public places. The anniversary has spurred a renaissance of sorts for Johnson's domestic agenda, which included the

creation of Medicare for the elderly, Medicaid for the poor, and the Voting Rights Act.

Using Johnson's domestic successes as a model, Obama made the case that the government can still play a role in enacting social programs that can address inequalities.

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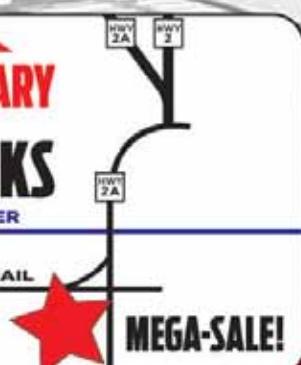
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Maritimes' Morgentaler clinic closing its doors

New Brunswick.

Controversial abortion clinic set to close, citing a lack of funds

funded. It's impossible."

Abortion isn't covered by medicare in the province unless two doctors certify in writing that it is medically necessary. In addition, it must be performed by a specialist in an approved hospital.

"As far as I'm concerned, the solution to this problem is up to the government of New Brunswick," Leibovitch said. "They need to repeal Regulation 84-20. It is a barrier to health care. It's always been a barrier to health care."

Simone Leibovitch said the clinic, which has been in operation for 20 years, has been providing abortions even though it has lost about \$100,000 over the last decade.

"Dr.

Morgentaler's policy was always such that no woman would ever be turned away from having an abortion, and we followed that policy," Leibovitch told a news conference.

"The reality is we can't continue to stay open and provide abortions that are not publicly

subsidized," she said. "It's a problem of women who don't have doctors and there's a problem of women who have anti-choice doctors," she said.

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Nigeria

Child bride kills groom and friends

A child bride forced to marriage in Nigeria killed a groom and three of his friends with a poisoned meal, police said Thursday.

Fourteen-year-old Wasila Umaru was married last week to 35-year-old Umaru Sani, according to assistant superintendent Musa Magaji Majia.

Over the weekend, the groom invited a dozen friends to celebrate at his village. Umaru told police she bought rat poison at a village market and used it to prepare a dish of rice.

"The suspect confessed to committing the crime and said she did it because she was forced to marry a man she did not love," Majia said.

The groom and a friend died the same day. Two other victims died later in the hospital. Umaru is co-operating with police and likely will be charged with culpable homicide, Majia said.

According to the UN children's agency, 50 per cent of Nigerian girls in rural areas are married before they turn 18.

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A victory for protesters

Students in Taiwan protesting against a trade pact with China cheer after receiving assurances that the pact, which they see as endangering the island's autonomy, would be reviewed. Thursday saw the end to the protesters' 24-day occupation of Taiwan's Parliament. CHIANG YING-YING/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Plan B: Why not engineer the climate?

Divisive proposal.

Supporters say it's inevitable, opponents say it's mad science; UN panel entertains the option

It's Plan B in the fight against climate change: cooling the planet by sucking heat-trapping CO₂ from the air or reflecting sunlight back into space.

Called geoengineering, it's considered mad science by opponents. Supporters say it would be foolish to ignore it, since Plan A — slashing carbon emissions from fossil fuels — is moving so slowly.

'Unkept' and 'matted'

U.S. lawmakers say army's hair rules offensive

Black female lawmakers are urging Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel to reconsider revised army regulations that ban hairstyles frequently worn by minority women in the military.

Sixteen female members of the Congressional Black Caucus signed a letter Thursday to Hagel, stating that the changes are "discriminatory rules targeting soldiers who are women of colour." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The UN's expert panel on climate change is under pressure from both sides this week as it considers whether geoengineering should be part of the toolkit that governments use to keep global warming in check.

But even advocates of studying geoengineering express doubts.

"Really at the present moment there is a high level of uncertainty surrounding all of these options," said Steve Rayner, co-director of Oxford University's geoengineering program.

Some environmental activists watching the talks in Berlin want the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to scratch references to geoengineering altogether. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Mexico City

Police say bug can take over computer camera

Police in Mexico City have issued a warning about a new type of "ransomware" virus that can take over computers' cameras and make the user think they are under surveillance.

The Mexico City police department's cyber-crime unit says the virus infects computers, generally after they view or download sexually explicit material. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

\$50M per year. Province to provide IVF funding

Ontario's governing Liberals are promising to provide limited coverage of infertility services to more women who are struggling to get pregnant.

They say they plan to help would-be parents pay for one cycle of in vitro fertilization for all forms of infertility starting early next year.

But the province won't cover the costs of drugs and other services associated with IVF, which can cost thousands of dollars.

Health Minister Deb Matthews wouldn't say exactly how much of the IVF costs will be

covered, but estimates Ontario will pay out \$50 million annually once the program is fully implemented.

She says the government hasn't decided yet whether it will offset the costs through a tax credit or through the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

Matthews says some infertile women turn to less effective and more dangerous alternatives to try to get pregnant, which can significantly increase the risk of multiple, pre-term births and severe medical and developmental problems. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Lunacy. Space-race stuff fetches tens of thousands

An Apollo 11 lunar surface checklist sheet was among the coveted items sold at a New York City auction of space exploration artifacts.

The checklist contained annotations by astronaut Buzz Aldrin while he was on the moon. It sold at Bonhams this week for more than \$68,000. It had a pre-sale estimate of up to \$45,000.

Other highlights included a six-inch cloth emblem depicting an eagle landing on the moon. A U.S. flag carried by Aldrin on Apollo 11 fetched \$47,500, double its pre-sale estimate. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



This Mercury-era spacesuit fetched over \$43,000, more than five times its estimate. **BONHAMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Mini Winnie, miny mo ... Guess what? This puppy is a clone

This undated photo issued by Channel 4 on Wednesday shows Britain's first cloned dog, a dachshund called Mini Winnie. The dog was cloned from a 12-year-old pet called Winnie, owned by Rebecca Smith from London, which beat another 60,000 pets in a competition organized by a South Korean tech firm. The dachshund puppy was born in Seoul at the end of March 2014. **CHANNEL 4/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Central African Republic. Priest says at least 30 dead in violent clashes

Clashes between Christian and Muslim fighters in Central African Republic have left at least 30 people dead and forced others to flee their homes, a priest said Thursday.

Everaldo De Suza of the Saint Anne parish in the central town of Dekoa said the fighting began Tuesday when Christian militants attacked and Muslim fighters fought back.

A Christian commander confirmed the fighting but denied that his forces had started it. The death toll could not be independently confirmed.

The Muslim fighters, members of the disbanded Seleka rebel alliance who had a tenuous hold on the town when the fighting began, called for reinforcements, De Suza said.

Most of the dead were civilians, killed by Muslims who fired into a crowd of people they mistook for Christian militants, he said. Pillaging and

Anti-conscription

Orthodox Jewish protesters clash with Israeli police

Israeli police say hundreds of ultra-Orthodox protesters have clashed with police in a demonstration against military conscription.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld says protesters in Jerusalem hurled stones and bottles at police and set trash bins on fire. Police on horseback pushed them back and five were arrested.

Israel recently passed a contentious law aiming to gradually increase ultra-Orthodox enlistment.

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UN to step in

- The Security Council on Thursday unanimously approved a nearly 12,000-strong UN peace-keeping force for Central African Republic.
- The 10,000 UN troops and 1,800 police will take over from African Union soldiers — but not until September 15.

death threats from the fighters forced many others to flee the town for the bush, he added.

Central African Republic, long unstable, descended deeper into chaos following a coup last year by the Seleka alliance, which proceeded to commit atrocities against civilians.

Christian militias sprung up in response. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Srebrenica massacre

Netherlands to compensate families of 3 men

Relatives of three men killed during the 1995 Srebrenica massacre will each receive \$28,000 US in compensation, the Dutch government said Thursday.

The announcement came seven months after the Dutch Supreme Court ruled the Netherlands was liable in the deaths of the three Bosnian Muslims because Dutch troops serving in a UN peacekeeping force should not have turned the men over to Bosnian Serb forces. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Search crews intensify hunt for jet's crash site

Flight 370. Equipment picks up more sounds consistent with a plane's black box in deep waters of the Indian Ocean

An Australian aircraft Thursday detected what may be the fifth signal coming from a man-made device deep in the Indian Ocean, adding to hopes that searchers will soon pinpoint the object's location and send down a robotic vehicle to confirm if it is a black box from the missing Malaysian jet.

The Australian air force P-3 Orion, which has been dropping sonar buoys into the water near where four earlier sounds were heard, picked up a "possible signal" that may be from a man-made source, said Angus Houston, who is co-ordinating the search off Australia's west coast.

"The acoustic data will require further analysis overnight," Houston said.

If confirmed, the signal would narrow the hunt for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, which vanished on March 8 while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people aboard.

The Australian ship Ocean Shield picked up two underwater sounds on Tuesday, and two sounds it detected Saturday were determined to be consistent with the pings emitted from a plane's flight recorders, or "black boxes."

The Australian air force has been dropping sonar buoys to maximize the sound-detectors operating in a search zone that is now the size of the city of Los Angeles.



A woman ties a message card for passengers on board the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 at a shopping mall in Petaling Jaya, near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Time running out to find black boxes

- Investigators suspect the plane went down in the southern Indian Ocean based on a flight path calculated from its contacts with a satellite and analysis of its speed and fuel capacity, but the content of the flight data and cockpit voice recorders is essential to solving the mystery of why the plane was lost.
- The search for the black boxes is increasingly urgent because their locator beacons have batteries that last about a month and may fail soon.
- An Australian government briefing document said the acoustic pingers likely would continue to transmit at decreasing strength for up to 10 more days.

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What will Canada look like in 2017 as it becomes 150 years old? What will it look like beyond that?

The tide of immigration will continue, but some think the flow will become more of a trickle as the years pass.

"I think it's a fair assumption to think that there will be a lower level of immigration than the current level," said Western University sociology professor Roderic Beaujot.

Politicians may say Canada needs immigration "especially at election time," Beaujot said. But, the problem is, demographers and economists aren't necessarily preaching the same message, he said.

Beaujot also sees the need to stem population explosions around the world as having an adverse effect on immigration.

"The world can't sustain this continuous growth that we have," he said. "The population has to live within the ecology. For that alone, it may slow down."

Such thoughts are worlds away for two young women,

See that symbol? It means you can scan this image with your Metro News app to see a video clip featuring more immigrants who've made Canada home.



Paula Garcia's family came to Canada from Colombia seven years ago. Soon, the 23-year-old university student will be able to give back to the country that took her in, all while fulfilling a dream of her own. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

who recently became Canadian citizens.

Paula Garcia's family came to Canada from Colombia seven years ago. Soon, the 23-year-old university student will be able to give back to the country that took her in, all while fulfilling a dream of her own.

She plans to be an elementary school teacher, in part, because she wants to offer children the best possible future.

"I love kids, so that's what I thought would be the best thing for me," she said. "I have the possibility to do this here now."

The citizenship ceremony, Garcia said, was wonderful, and while the test she had to pass to get there was difficult, it was fair. She earned an A.

She was one of 62 people who became citizens at a March 26 ceremony in London, Ont.

Maria Qureshi, 32, originally from Pakistan, was there too.

She held a small Canadian flag in her hand and had a smile on her face, after taking the oath. "It's like nervous excitement," she said. "I had tears in my eyes when they first announced that we're citizens, and I loved the judge's speech."

It was amazing."

Citizenship Judge Normand Vachon quoted inspirational leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa and Mahatma Gandhi in his welcoming speech to the new Canadians.

Qureshi said the long wait for that day was difficult, but boasted that she too aced the citizenship test. "I studied extra hard for it, and I took it really seriously," she said proudly. "So I scored full marks on it."

In Canada, she said she hopes for a better future because she has a better chance of

Research

A Statistics Canada paper says one of three situations, all depending on a number of factors and formulas, will play out for immigration through 2036.

- Low projection:** Six immigrants per thousand population each year; would be the lowest rate recorded since early 1990s.
- Medium projection:** 7.5 immigrants per thousand population each year; matches the average annual immigration rate for early 1990s to late 2000s.
- High projection:** Nine immigrants per thousand population each year; matches highest rate recorded since 1991.

being successful.

That was the common thread among many at the ceremony.

They just want a fair chance to forge a good life for themselves, their children and, of course, to be key players in the Canada of tomorrow. That's what Vachon urged them to do.

He told them to find a job, keep a job, make sure their children are clothed, fed, warm and in school. He suggested they get to know their neighbours and become active, along with knowledgeable, in politics.

Perhaps most importantly, he told them to make this country better than it was when they found it.

Canadian history professor Pierre Anctil.

More rural areas tend to be less accepting, Anctil said. Though there are exceptions to that rule, he added.

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Offering their take

Looking into the future

Here's what some of the people Metro talked to over the past five days said about where they've come from and what they hope to see in coming years.

Jamie Martinez (from Colombia): "The first



Jaime Martinez

thing that we need to do is to have equity here. It means the population of Colombians is two per cent (in Canada), every company needs to have two per cent Colombians working there."

Shirley Edwards (from United Kingdom): "It takes a number of years to settle and integrate into a new country.



Shirley Edwards

Be patient, though. Know that when you need support (you can) ask for it (and) it will come. That's what community is for. That's the Canada we now call home."

Priscilla Bunke (From Nigeria): "My hope for the future is to be able to follow my career and help my children achieve



Priscilla Bunke

their potential in our chosen country."

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Canadian opinion

Young people more open to immigrants: Prof

Freedom, peace, the opportunity to build a better

life.

It's simple to see why people from other countries care about immigration and are passionate about its future.

But what about the average Canadian? Is im-

migration — the influx of people with different ways of doing things — a positive or a negative thing?

Much of it depends on who you're asking, one expert said.

"Judging by the stu-

dents I meet every year in Ottawa, who come from several parts of the country, the young generation has a more progressive and more open-minded notion (of immigration)," said University of Ottawa

Canadian history professor Pierre Anctil.

More rural areas tend to be less accepting, Anctil said. Though there are exceptions to that rule, he added.

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CBC cutting 657 jobs after hit of losing HNIC



The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. said it will cut 657 jobs over the next two years as it deals with a big budget shortfall. PETER POWER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'End of era.' The public broadcaster has been dealt serious blows by loss of Hockey Night in Canada and 'hostile' government cuts

The CBC is slashing 657 positions over two years and will no longer pursue broadcast rights to professional sports as it grapples with a massive budget shortfall.

The public broadcaster announced a swath of cuts Thursday that will shave \$130 million from its 2014-2015 budget and spur a new mandate "to reimagine itself" as the media landscape changes.

CBC president Hubert Lacroix detailed the news at a town hall meeting for employees that outlined financial challenges including a softened advertising market, disappointing ratings for CBC-TV, "much lower-than-expected" ad revenues from Espace musique and CBC Radio 2, and the loss of NHL broadcast rights to Rogers Media.

"There's no easy way to deliver news like this," Lacroix said in prepared remarks that were posted online moments after his private address.

"I know many of you are sad. I know there will be many questions. We will an-

swer them straight up, both in our Q&A session today, in the meetings that will follow, and as things take shape over the coming days."

Spokesman Ian Morrison, of the watchdog group Friends of Canadian Broadcasting, blamed the budget troubles on a "hostile" Conservative government that reduced the CBC's funding appropriation by \$115 million back in 2012.

The president of the Canadian Media Guild's CBC branch said the job cuts mark "the end of an era."

"CBC Sports is diminished, the public broadcaster is diminished and we're wondering now when Canadians are going to notice that their public broadcaster is not the same public broadcaster that used to exist a few years ago," said Marc-Philippe Laurin, noting this is the third major staff cut in five years.

In 2009, funding woes forced 800 positions to be eliminated, and in 2012, the introduction of a \$115-million reduction in federal appropriation funds slashed 650 jobs.

"When will the bleeding stop? What can Canadians expect from their broadcaster? People create programs, you know, it's not a production line. You need people to create programs and if you don't have people, where's the CBC going to go?" he asked.

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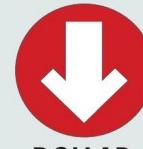
Declared public nuisance. Sriracha factory pecked by Irwindale in heated spat

A Southern California city has declared the factory that produces the popular Sriracha hot sauce a public nuisance.

The Irwindale City Council's action Wednesday night gives the factory 90 days to make changes to stop the spicy odours that prompted complaints from some residents last fall. Declaring a public nuisance will allow city officials to enter the factory and make changes if the odours persist after the deadline.

The decision came despite

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Um, do you really want to put that on Facebook?

1.23B users. Drank half a bottle of wine and about to post something on the social media site? A cute cartoon dino may remind you who will see it

Facebook admits it's had its fair share of fumbles and stum-

bles when it comes to privacy.

So the social media giant, which has 19 million regular users in Canada and 1.23 billion globally, is rolling out a few tweaks to help users better understand how to control who sees their posts.

And it's taking the unusual step of intervening when it suspects users could be posting publicly without realizing it.

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Privacy dino to the rescue

For users who regularly share content widely without any privacy restrictions, Facebook plans to periodically prompt them (with what it hopes is a disarmingly cute cartoon dinosaur) to ensure they realize their posts are viewable by anyone and everyone.

Language fight

It's 'non' to French retail signs in Que.

A judge has ruled that major retailers do not have to modify their commercial trademark English names into French, as the province's language watchdog had hoped.

Sales on ice

Warming people up to frozen food

Frozen foods are about to get some badly needed image therapy. With sales slipping, frozen-food makers are in the final stages of preparing a major PR campaign.

35-hour workweek

Hmm, wonder if France is hiring

An agreement with employers gives IT workers added guarantees that smartphones won't infringe on their rights under France's famous 35-hour workweek.

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MILEY DROPS BALL ON FEMALE POWER

1 Solidarity. You know that one relative we all enable? The "victim" that alienates everyone, wants no part of the family, but still feels entitled to financial support as if restitution for their "emotional scars"? We pity them but eventually just stop taking their calls. It's sad. In unrelated news, the Parti Québécois was convincingly defeated in Quebec's provincial election.

2 Wrecking Ball. Some think that Miley Cyrus is just a wild child, but she's really a freedom-fighter advocating sexual equality. Cyrus says, "Guy rappers grab their crotch all f---ing day and have hos around them... but if I grab my crotch and have hot model b---hes around me, I'm degrading women? ... But I'm part of the evolution of that. I hope." So there it is: Miley Cyrus is the evolution of female empowerment. As well, probably a growing trend of parents home-schooling their daughters.

3 #MarchMadness. The NCAA men's basketball finals saw the UConn Huskies defeat the Kentucky Wildcats. It



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marked the first time a 7th and 8th seed met in the finals, but was no less satisfying. We saw high energy, great dunks, some violent unsportsmanlike conduct and terrific in-depth analysis. And that was just from the other guys at the bar.

4 #DayofPink. This year's "international day against bullying, discrimination, homophobia and transphobia in schools and communities" took place this week with tremendous support. The best hope to deter a bully is to educate them and others about how to deal with them. We can draw from our own experiences as almost all of us can relate to being bullied: Some by the big kid at school, others by their boss, and some by Revenue Canada. (That last one was a cry for help. They're killing me!)

5 UConn't beat'em. The day after their boys won it all, UConn's undefeated women's team scored a convincing victory over Notre Dame's also undefeated Fighting Irish to bring home the championship. Both teams set new standards

for their schools, and for women everywhere. But I can't help think that somewhere at the heart of all this, stands Miley Cyrus. (What? Too much?) #UConn

6 Holy week. Two upcoming religious holidays include Passover for the Jews, and Easter for Christians. Both share a historical bond celebrated with wine and feasts and family members gathering to remind each other of things long forgotten. Like the time they went to a party and woke up at the zoo, lost the family savings in a Ponzi scheme, or declared grandpa mentally incompetent to gain control of his estate. All the while, sharing blessings of peace. Happy holidays!

7 In memoriam. The passing of Hollywood icon Mickey Rooney revived reports of elder abuse that left him almost destitute. @peoplemag tweeted: "Mickey Rooney's funeral delayed by family fighting" which prompted George Lopez to tweet "I didn't know Mickey Rooney was Mexican?" That aside, his physical stature never diminished his artistic largesse, and that body of work, not his financial estate, is his true legacy. #RIP

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On cloud divine



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Indoor cloud art is mist-ifying

A Dutch artist is taking the creative industry by storm... with his indoor clouds. Berndnaut Smilde, 35, from Amsterdam, Netherlands, uses a smoke machine and clever lighting to create nimbuses of various shapes in empty spaces. An exhibition of his artworks, Antipode, is now on at London, U.K.'s Ronchini Gallery until June 14.

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Artist's viewpoint



"It always takes awhile to get a cloud where I want it. Their ephemerality is what I like the most. They just appear for a few seconds and then it falls apart."

Berndnaut Smilde, based in Amsterdam

Mystery points to the ominous

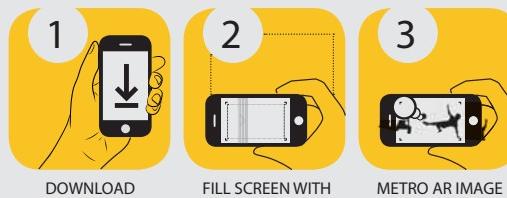
Ultimately, "there is a definite ominous element of my work," the artist says, pointing to the clouds' mystifying quality. "There is something ungraspable about clouds, which I think is really interesting," Smilde says.

"For this reason, people have been creating myths and meanings around clouds for centuries," he concluded.

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Babies let their taste buds do the talking



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If we were to rank food flavours that are largely hostile to our taste buds, lemons would have to rank near the top with sour keys and horseradish. But that's an admittedly sophisticated opinion, hardened by years spent emptying bowls, cups and plates. Combining flavours and whatnot.

To get to the kernel of a lemon's appeal, we need to return to ground zero for citrusy flavour country and put them in the hands of babies. The results are obviously adorable, but there's something suspicious about the ones that appear to like it. Or perhaps they're just old souls.



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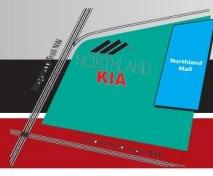


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This Draft Day is full of drama

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Denis Leary, Frank Langella and Kevin Costner star in Draft Day, which opens today.
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Finding feeling in football. Kevin Costner brings a lot of heart to this film about a down-on-his-luck NFL general manager hinging his future on one big trade

Richard: Mark, the message behind Draft Day is that technical ability is one thing, but having heart is more important. It's a key message for the story but vital when considering the movie as a whole. This film is technically proficient, but loads of

technically proficient flicks aren't as entertaining as this one. This movie works particularly well because it has heart, just like the players that Kevin Costner's character tries to recruit for his football team.

Mark: Which makes the movie the opposite of Moneyball, which celebrates rationality and scientific method. I much preferred Costner's flawed, slightly desperate soul over Brad Pitt's technocrat. But there were other reasons I liked the movie. Having it take place on one day gives the film an urgency that really pulls you in. And there were some nice directorial flourishes, too.

I haven't seen split screen used so well in a long time. And let's not forget a strong supporting cast.

RC: Like Moneyball, Draft Day scores authenticity points by casting a number of sports figures and insiders playing themselves, but you're right, the supporting cast of professional actors really scores a touchdown. I enjoyed seeing Frank Langella playing the anything-for-a-buck owner of the Browns and Ellen Burstyn and Dennis Leary as Sonny's mother and grumpy coach respectively, are both great. Sean Combs didn't even bother me. Of course, this really is Kevin Costner's movie. He's easy to watch

at the best of times but particularly so when he's in the genre that works best for him, and that's sports movies.

MB: And it's hard to watch Costner in this without thinking about his iconic sports roles in Field of Dreams or Bull Durham. In fact, this is often where players wind up — as coaches and managers. So there's a through line to the character to appreciate. The only thing that bothered me was that I am not a football fan. I've never seen a game. So all the negotiations were like watching a game of chess without any idea how the pieces are moved. Could you follow the technical de-

Synopsis

On the day of the NFL Draft, Cleveland Browns general manager Sonny Weaver Jr. (Kevin Costner) is faced with some tough choices. His team is not doing well, sports radio talking heads are beating him up for ruining the franchise his late father — the legendary coach Sonny Weaver Sr. — built up and his girlfriend (Jennifer Garner) is angry with him. His future and possibly the future of the team hinges on one deal: a massive trade for hotshot quarterback Bo Callahan (Josh Pence).

- Richard: •••••
- Mark: •••••

2 SCENE

tails of the trades? Or were you wishing for subtitles?

RC: Subtitles might have helped a bit, but for me it didn't matter if I followed the intricacies of the draft day business because I think the underlying emotion that comes along with changing someone's life by drafting them into the NFL — I found those scenes powerful.

MB: Director Ivan Reitman has had a tendency to lapse into sentiment and bathos, but he keeps these tendencies nicely in check. I loved Costner, but I was also impressed at the sure handed direction. Reitman's working at the top of his game.



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Director. Mike Flanagan

Stars. Karen Gillan, Brenton Thwaites

Ten years ago, tragedy struck the Russell family, leaving the lives of teen siblings Tim and Kaylie forever changed when Tim was convicted of the brutal murder of their parents. Now in his 20s, Tim is newly released from protective custody. But Kaylie is convinced her parents' deaths were caused by something else altogether: a malevolent supernatural force unleashed through the Lasser Glass, an antique mirror in their childhood home.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 89% + Audience:

94%

Action/Adventure

The Raid 2

Director. Gareth Evans

Stars. Iko Uwais, Yayan Ruhian

He thought it was over. After fighting his way out of a building filled with gangsters and madmen, rookie Jakarta cop Rama thought it was done and he could resume a normal life. He couldn't have been more wrong. Formidable though they may have been, Rama's opponents in that fateful building were nothing more than small fish swimming in a pond much larger than he ever dreamed possible.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 76% + Audience:

94%

Animation

Rio 2

Director. Carlos Saldanha

Stars. Anne Hathaway, Jesse Eisenberg

It's a jungle out there for Blu, Jewel and their three kids in RIO 2, after they're hurtled from that magical city to the wilds of the Amazon. As Blu tries to fit in, he goes beak-to-beak with the vengeful Nigel, and meets the most fearsome adversary of all — his father-in-law.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 60% + Audience:

96%

Inside Llewyn Davis. Did that marmelade tabby cat ever come back?

With Inside Llewyn Davis newly available for home viewing, it's time to answer the question that has vexed pet lovers and conspiracy nerds for months.

What did the Coen Bros. do to that poor, bedraggled cat?

If you haven't yet seen the movie, my top film of 2013, and you consider feline misfortune to be a spoiler, please stop reading now and watch Inside Llewyn Davis on DVD or Blu-ray. Enjoy the movie, and come back later.

For the rest of us, it's time to take a cold, hard look at the big furry mystery of the marmelade tabby named Ulysses that dogs New York folk singer Llewyn Davis (Oscar Isaac) in the film. The two become inseparable companions after the couch-surfing Llewyn accidentally locks Ulysses out of the apartment of his genial hosts the Gorfeins, who are both at work. The more Llewyn tries to unload his cat problem onto somebody else, the more Ulysses draws near.

Then the cat decides, as cats are wont to do, that it's time to be on its own. Events transpire

to have Llewyn driving a car on the lonely highway between Chicago and New York, a light snow falling. He's fighting fatigue from lack of sleep, barely watching the road.

Suddenly, something small and furry crosses in front of the windshield. BAM! A shocked Llewyn realizes he's hit something. He pulls the car over to side of the road and examines the front bender. There's blood all over it.

Then he looks behind the car and sees a small animal, obviously injured, dragging itself toward a stand of trees.

There is no logical reason to assume that this is Ulysses. In fact, logic would suggest otherwise. It might even be a figment of Llewyn's imagination.

But such is the power of film that we instinctively assume the injured animal is Llewyn's cat. We feel terrible for it, more than we might for some random roadkill.

I suspect that a lot of cat lovers hated the scene. I also suspect that writers/directors Joel and Ethan Coen realized this might happen, and tried

to avoid being tagged as cat haters. I asked them in an interview about the roadside incident when Inside Llewyn Davis premiered theatrically last December. They denied having any murderous intentions toward tabbies, although they did say that cats are way less eager to be movie stars than dogs are.

"It's funny, but we weren't even thinking that while shooting (the road scene)," Ethan said. "We were thinking Llewyn hit some kind of animal. But the cat is so established in the movie, everybody who watches it is determined to turn that creature into the cat."

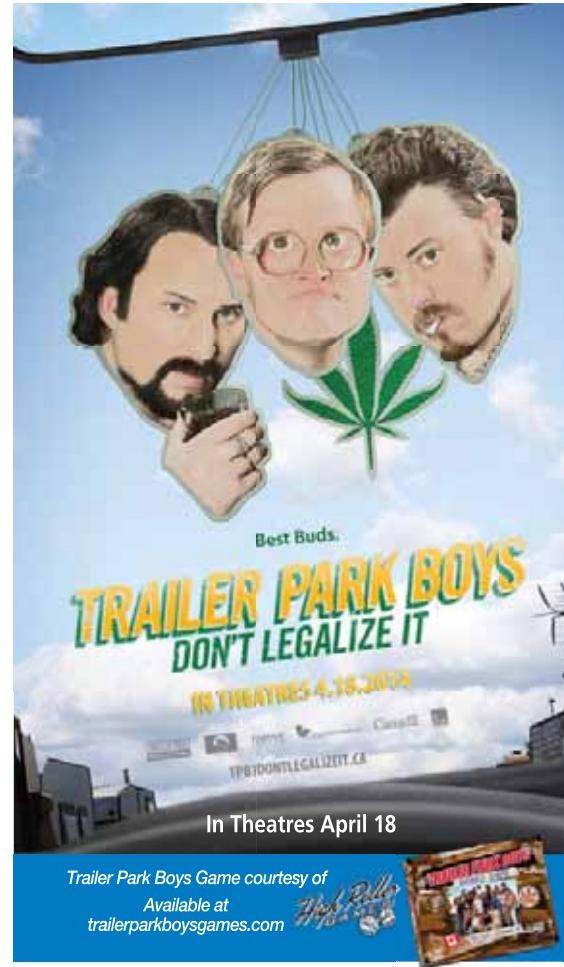
"Which is understandable," Joel interjected. "It's a random animal. Maybe it's a cat, maybe it's a raccoon. It's hard to see. We wanted it to be very obscure."

"We wanted to not know," Ethan. "Not that it matters, but the creature that we actually shot with was a small dog."

Whatever it is, the important thing to know is that it's not Ulysses.

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Stripped-down Depp prefers the painted roles

Transcendence. Actor ditches all the makeup to play a computer genius in sci-fi tale

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Fans of Johnny Depp may be startled to discover that in his latest film, the technothriller *Transcendence*, the chameleon-like actor looks like ... Johnny Depp.

"I knew right off the bat there was no need to go into pink-haired, clown nose, Ronald McDonald shoes," says Depp, who has made a habit of taking on roles that involve more than a little white face paint, from Tonto in the *Lone Ranger* to the Mad Hatter in *Alice in*

Wonderland.

But the most makeup Depp hides behind in *Transcendence* is only there to show the physical deterioration of his character, computer genius Will Caster, after he gets radiation poisoning.

"It's always more difficult and slightly exposing to play something that's close to the surface, something that's close to yourself," Depp says.

"I always try to hide because I can't stand the way I look, first. I think it's important to change every time, and come up with something that's as interesting as you can for your characters."

Eventually Dr. Caster's consciousness is uploaded to a massive computer, keeping him "alive" but turning him into a ghost in the machine — and a face on a video

screen.

"I did feel a little bit like Max Headroom," Depp admits.

"I guess the worst part is I liked it. I liked being in my little dark room, and [my co-stars] were on the other side. We couldn't find each other sometimes." And apparently playing a foreboding version of advanced artificial intelligence didn't put Depp off the idea of that theoretical technological advancement.

"Having no intelligence, I'm looking forward to gaining something, whether artificial, superficial or superduper," he quips.

All joking aside, Depp admits he's something of a Luddite when it comes to new technology — especially the handheld kind.

"Things go wrong all the time, especially between me

and technology. I'm not familiar with it and I'm too old-school a brain and dumb to be able to figure it out," he says.

"Anything I have to attack with my thumbs for any period of time makes me feel stupid. So I try to avoid it as much as possible — to protect my thumbs, of course."

Plus, there's also the fact that by the time he's gotten used to a piece of technology, the world may have moved on.

"Think about how technology is moving so rapidly. Things become obsolete very, very quickly," he says.

"So let's say Will Caster, in 15 years' time, is going to be in some weird room in Vegas, and people are plugging quarters into him. Right? Who has a mini-disc or laser disc player? It's over."



Johnny Depp stars in *Transcendence*, which opens in theatres next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

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Stephen Colbert to take over David Letterman spot

Late Show. CBS chooses popular political satirist to helm talk show

CBS moved swiftly Thursday to replace the retiring David Letterman with Comedy Central's Stephen Colbert, who will take over the Late Show next year and do battle with Jimmy Fallon and Jimmy Kimmel for late-night television supremacy.

Colbert, 49, has been hosting The Colbert Report since 2005, in character as a fictional conservative talk-show host. The character will retire with The Colbert Report.

"Simply being a guest on David Letterman's show has been a highlight of my career," Colbert said. "I never dreamed that I would follow in his footsteps, though everyone in late night follows Dave's lead."

Letterman, who turns 67 on Saturday, announced on his show last week that he would retire some time in 2015, although he hasn't set a date. CBS said Thursday that creative elements of Colbert's new show, including where it will be based, will be announced later.

Mayors of New York and Los Angeles have already publicly urged the new Late Show host to choose their city. New York would appear to have the clear edge, since Colbert is already based in New York and CBS owns the Ed Sullivan Theater, where the Late Show has been taped since Letterman took over in 1993.

Letterman offered his endorsement Thursday. "Stephen has always been a real friend to me," he said. "I'm very excited for him, and I'm flattered that CBS chose him. I also happen to know they wanted another guy with glasses."

It's a rapidly changing period for that time slot. Fallon took over for Jay Leno on NBC's Tonight show in February, and has dominated the ratings since his arrival, with Letterman and Kimmel running neck-and-neck for



Stephen Colbert onstage during the 2012 Comedy Rocktaugustfest in 2012. CBS announced Thursday Colbert will succeed David Letterman as the host of The Late Show. JASON DECROW/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

second. Chelsea Handler has also said she is about to end her talk show on E! Entertainment Television.

CBS chose not to break the mould: CBS, ABC and NBC will all compete at 11:35 p.m. with shows hosted by white males. CBS, which has an older audience and generally seeks personalities with the widest appeal possible, is taking a chance with a personality whose show has a much more specific appeal. But, like Fallon and Kimmel, Colbert is popular with young men and active on the Internet and social media.

"Our discussions really centred on finding the most talented, the most creative (choice), the person who was going to conduct the most interesting interviews and be the most interesting person himself, and that's what led us to Stephen," said Nina Tassler, CBS entertainment chairman. She said CBS considered several candidates, but did not name them.

Colbert's show won the

Emmy for best variety series last year and has earned two Peabody Awards. It's another big move for a Jon Stewart protégé: Colbert worked on The Daily Show for eight years before getting his own program, and John Oliver is about to launch a weekly show for HBO later this month.

The decision opens up a hole on Comedy Central's schedule. The network said in a statement Thursday that "we look forward to the next eight months of the groundbreaking Colbert Report and wish Stephen the very best."

Stewart told New York magazine on Wednesday night that Colbert would be terrific for Letterman's job. Stewart said he likes what he does and Colbert has a better opportunity to broaden out his comedy than he would.

"He is a uniquely talented individual," Stewart said. "He's wonderful in Colbert Report, but he's got gears he hasn't even shown people yet. He would be remarkable."

The choice of Colbert quickly drew the ire of a real-life conservative talk-show host. Radio's Rush Limbaugh said Thursday that CBS "has just declared war on the heartland of America. No longer is comedy going to be a covert assault on traditional American values, conserva-

tives. Now it's just wide open."

Limbaugh mispronounced Colbert's name as col-bert, instead of the proper pronunciation, col-bear.

The man Colbert is replacing was a target for conservatives, too. Letterman made Republican favourite Sarah Palin a frequent target of his barbs.

Tassler declined comment on what Colbert's ascension will mean for Craig Ferguson, who follows Letterman's show in the 12:35 a.m. time slot and was considered a candidate for Letterman's job.

Colbert would likely enter into some friendly competition with Fallon. Colbert appeared on Fallon's first Tonight show, one of a line of personalities in a gag involving people who had to "pay up" on a bet about whether Fallon would ever get the Tonight gig.

Brad Adgate, an analyst for Horizon Media, described Colbert as "the best talk-show host available." He said CBS wanted to move quickly to make its choice for Letterman's replacement before next month's meeting with advertisers in New York about the upcoming season's schedule.

"When you've got fire in the belly, you move fast," Tassler said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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All good things come to an end

With the first half of the seventh and final season of *Mad Men* making its debut Sunday, creator Matthew Weiner — and two of the show's most celebrated actors — take a moment to reflect on the series and even wonder, 'What's next?'

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Jon Hamm gets ready to say goodbye



With the last season of his run as Don Draper coming to an end, Jon Hamm took a moment to reflect on the character that put him on the map.

So what would he and Don talk about if he got a chance to sit down with the mysterious ad exec? "I think we'd talk about life," Hamm says. "I think we'd talk about families, we'd talk about experiences and I'd ask him to please shape up."

And when everything *Mad Men* is all said and done, what will Hamm do next? "No, I don't know, honestly. I really don't."

It's a long way down the road. I'm sure it will be incredibly difficult, but all good things come to an end. This is no exception."

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Matt Weiner just might take a vacation

Mad Men series creator Matt Weiner doesn't yet have a sense of what he'll want to make next.

"I think I'll know what's on my mind when it's over for a little bit," he says of *Mad Men*'s final season. "I haven't taken a vacation in a long time. I made a film in between two of the seasons, which is coming out this summer after this block of episodes."

In terms of future work, Weiner doesn't know if he'll return to TV. "This is one of the best lives there is and I don't expect this to happen again, but I would love it."

So has the show changed his life? Weiner says creatively it's been challenging beyond his wildest dreams. He's directed, learned how to produce and learned how to deal with business.

"I've learned so much about America, learned so much about myself. Everything changed," he says.



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Elisabeth Moss looks ahead

For six seasons, *Mad Men* has chronicled the career of Don Draper, but it's also followed the career of his assistant-turned-full-fledged-mad-woman Peggy Olson, played by Elisabeth Moss.

Some viewers have even gone so far as to speculate that the whole arc of the series — which began on Peggy's first day on the job, after all — is actually more about Peggy than Don. Moss, for her part, is flattered by the idea, but she's not having it. "I think it's about Don Draper, he's the lead character of the show," she insists. "That would be a very long red herring story."

So, red herrings aside, what does Moss hope the conclusion of the series holds for Peggy? "I want her to be working and I want her to be successful at her work, but I think that's because I identify with her, so I kind of want what she wants. I hope that she gets that," she says.



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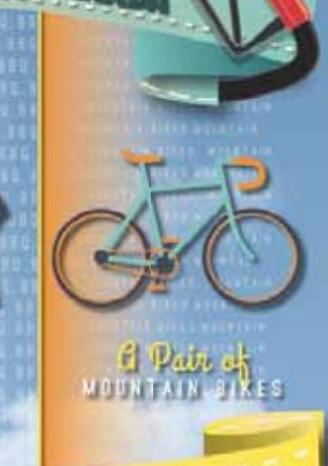
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This ex-Calgary band, now based in Toronto, acknowledges the 20th anniversary of the passing of Kurt Cobain with this cover of Nirvana's Breed. It's available as a free download. Their new album, Filthy Souls, is available now.



Lionheart/PUP

I've been following this Toronto band for awhile now. Their self-titled debut record came out earlier this month, just in time for a tour of the UK. Oh, and PUP apparently stands for "Pathetic Use of Potential."



High Ball Stepper/Jack White

Jack chose to tease everyone with a non-singling instrumental that sounds like it belongs in a Tarantino movie. His second solo album, entitled Lazaretto, will be out June 10.

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You'd think another LEGO Hobbit game would be tiresome, yet this new entry — based on the two recent films — admirably finds enough fresh ideas to make you feel the joy all over again. There's dwarf mining tasks, a dish juggling minigame, LEGO riddles, and an astonishingly epic run through the Goblin Caves. The considerable creativity that must have gone in to make everything new, to make each dwarf unique, to give even the background characters their own animated charm, stands out and will leave you shaking your head in wonderment.

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It's a fact. Kids in the Hall get the band back together as gothy guests on Spun Out

They may now be the Middle Aged Men in the Hall, but all five will be together again in Friday's episode of Spun Out.

The CTV comedy stars Dave Foley, part of renowned Canadian sketch comedy troupe the Kids in the Hall.

Friday's episode reunites him with Kids Kevin McDonald, Bruce McCulloch, Mark McKinney and Scott Thompson, playing former high school goth bandmates of Foley's Dave Lyons character, on a mission to fulfil a suicide pact now that Dave is turning 50, CTV said in a news release.

Viewers can get a sneak peek in a blooper reel at CTV.ca.

"Getting to work with the Kids is like putting on an old pair of shoes that know every embarrassing thing you've ever done and that pinch a little at the toes," Foley said in the news release.

CTV said it's the Kids' first time on TV together



From left, Mark McKinney, Bruce McCulloch, Dave Foley, Kevin McDonald and Scott Thompson reunite in Foley's CTV comedy Spun Out on April 11. BELL MEDIA

in four years. The Kids in the Hall aired from 1988 to 1995.

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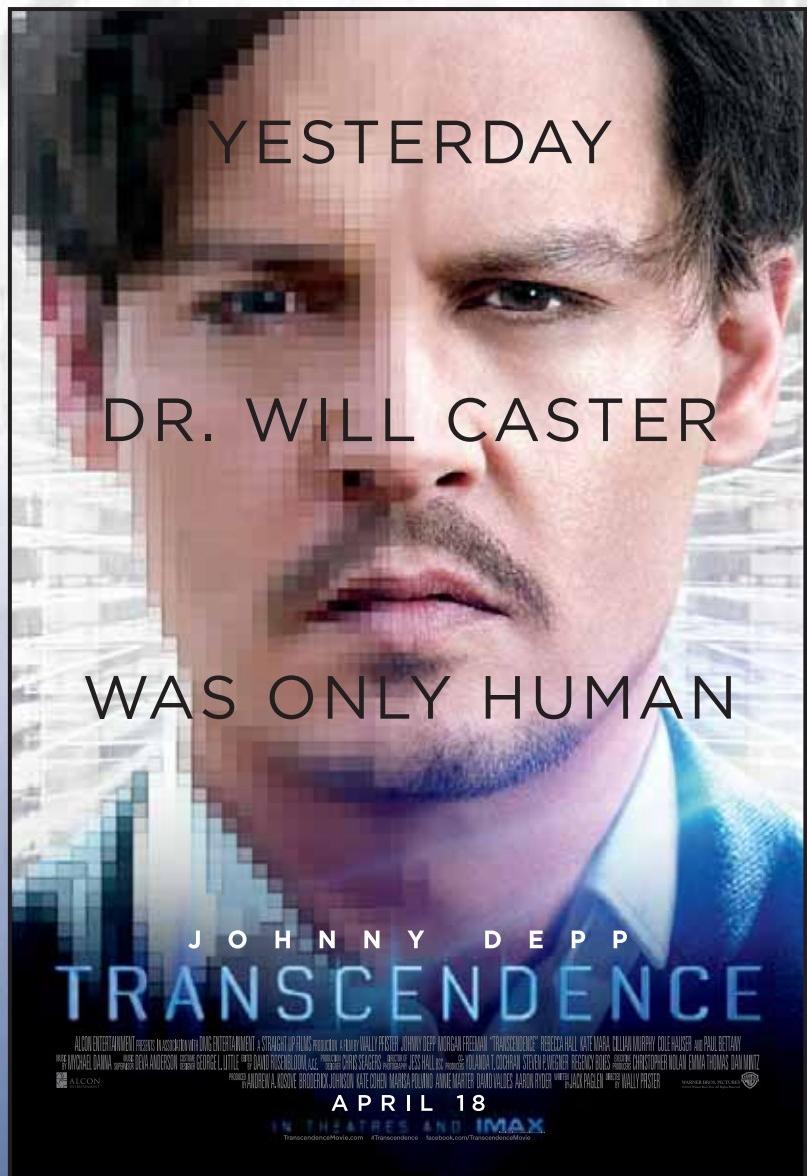


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Yes, that's right. The geniuses at a local bookstore in Naperville, Ill., watched all the blood, sweat and tears that went into Dauntless training and thought, wouldn't it be cool to make teens do this stuff in real life?

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Since the camp is being run by a bookstore, there will be some required reading, especially of the dystopian variety.

EMILY LAURENCE/METRO WORLD NEWS

In memoriam. Comedy Network pays tribute to John Pinette

The Comedy Network will pay tribute to comedian John Pinette by airing three stand-up specials on Saturday night.

Pinette, who starred as Edna Turnblad in a touring production of Hairspray, appeared in the movies Duets, Dear God and The Punisher, among others, and played a carjacking victim in the final episode of Seinfeld, died last weekend at age 50.

Comedy will air an episode of Just for Laughs: All Access in

which Pinette hosted a gala at the Montreal festival (8 p.m.); the 2011 standup special John Pinette: Still Hungry (9 p.m.) and the world premiere of JFL The Masters: John Pinette (10 p.m.), a collection of his best bits from various Just for Laughs festivals in Montreal.

"John was a class act and his passing is a great loss to the entire comedy community," Bruce Hills, chief operating officer of Just for Laughs, said in a news release. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



John Pinette THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Ay Carumba!

FXX to air all Simpsons episodes consecutively

The FXX network is planning a marathon telecast this summer of episodes of The Simpsons starting Aug. 21 and continuing into Labour Day.

FXX programming chief Chuck Saftler said it coincides with the network's purchase of rerun rights and the development of an app that gives access to every episode of the long-running animated series.

Saftler said FXX will show four hours of episodes every Sunday this fall, up until the time a new episode is aired in prime time on Fox. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



FX

Out with the old...

CNN shaking up prime time with several new shows

CNN is replacing Piers Morgan's prime-time talk show with not one program but several, featuring personalities like Mike Rowe, John Walsh, Lisa Ling, Anthony Bourdain and Morgan Spurlock.

The network revealed its schedule change Thursday in a meeting with advertisers. The new lineup ends a three-decade tradition of a CNN talk show at 9 p.m. ET, first with Larry King and then with Morgan, who ended his show in the past few weeks.

The time slot will be filled with a series of documentary-style programs, including Bourdain's popular Parts Unknown travelogue and Spurlock's Inside Man. Rowe, former host of Dirty Jobs, will profile people with unusual professions. Walsh will follow criminal investigations and Ling will immerse herself in American subcultures.

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Bringing up the Greer.

Rom-com actress typecasts fans to help them place her face

Actress Judy Greer laments what she sees as a decline in the film genre she's built a career on: The romantic comedy.

"Studios aren't really making those movies right now," the Detroit native, who's known for playing the best friend or idiosyncratic confidante in many rom-coms, said as she promoted her new book, *I Don't Know What You Know Me From: Confessions of a Co-Star*.

"I'd really like for it to come back because I love a romantic comedy. I want at the end the guy to get the girl, like real bad, you know?"

Greer points to *My Best Friend's Wedding* as an example of the kind of rom-com she loves and wants to see more of.

"How was I not in that movie?" she said with a laugh. "That's the one I wasn't in! But

I do think studios are making giant, giant, giant blockbuster superhero movies and then there are smaller, independent movies that are getting made.

"But we need to bring back middle-budget, good old fashioned romantic comedy."

As Greer explains in her humorous and candid collection of essays, when fans approach her they often recognize her face but can't place where they know her from.

"Then you have to kind of figure it out together or ... you look sort of stand-offish when you're like, 'I don't know, I've been in a lot of stuff, sorry,'" said the 38-year-old, whose current projects include the animated series *Archer* and her web series, *Reluctantly Healthy*.

That's when she started resorting to "fan profiling," which is guessing which project the fan knows her from based on factors including gender.

With women, for instance, she often lists romantic comedies she's been in, "because chicks like romantic comedies, we just do."

You might know her from:

- The down-to-earth stage and screen performer has co-starred in rom-coms including *The Wedding Planner*, *13 Going on 30*, *27 Dresses* and *Love & Other Drugs*.
- Her long list of credits also includes a diverse range of projects, from *The Village* and *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*, to *Jeff, Who Lives at Home* and *Arrested Development*.



she was sitting on a bench in the city's Trinity Bellwoods Park while shooting the Carrie film remake a year and a half ago when she got a call from agents about the idea.

"Being a movie star is really hard to achieve," said Greer. "There's only so many Julia Roberts and Sandra Bullocks out there. I think of myself as like my audience and I'm just like my fans, and I don't know that my fans are movie stars."

"But my fans can be friends with movie stars just like I can be friends with movie stars."

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Fargo finds cold comfort shooting in Alberta

Frozen tundra. Calgary location proved the perfect landscape ... even if it happened to be blisteringly cold

None of the characters in the Coen brothers' 1996 classic *Fargo* will make an appearance in the new TV series of the same name — with one exception.

"One of the central characters of this thing is the harsh winter," said Keith Carradine, who plays cop-turned-coffee shop owner Lou Solverson.

"You don't think of *Fargo* being a summertime place. It's synonymous with brutal cold."

The show was filmed in and around Calgary throughout the winter, when temperatures could drop below -30 C. And yet the shooting went ahead, save for one dangerously cold day.

Carradine said the cold was a challenge and an inspiration. "As an actor, you walk out the door and you feel that blast. It



Allison Tolman as Molly in the TV series *Fargo*. CONTRIBUTED

infuses what you do," he said.

Allison Tolman plays Molly, Lou's daughter and the smartest member of her town's

police force. Having lived in Chicago, Tolman said she's no stranger to winter. But Calgary was something else.

"I've never been as cold as I was back in December, when we were shooting out by a frozen lake," she said. "You kind of leave your body."

Executive producer Warren Littlefield said *Fargo* required a "frozen tundra" to stand in for Bemidji, Minn., where much of the story is set.

He recalls scouting out locations last July in a rickety RV called "the Diplomat." While driving east of Calgary, a sudden hail storm turned the brilliant green-yellow canola fields grey-white.

Littlefield, a former NBC

executive, was convinced they'd found the right spot.

"I said, 'Well, this is July. If you can accomplish this in July, imagine what it will be like in January.'

Littlefield recalled a "spectacular day" shooting on a frozen lake northwest of Calgary, when it was -30 C with the wind chill.

"I think it was the most exciting day that I ever had in my life on a set shooting. The visuals of that world were sensational and we got everything accomplished and as we returned back to Calgary that night, we were just feeling triumphant," he said.

"And yes, we killed a few

people up there that day, but that was all in the script."

But there was another day in December when it simply wasn't safe for the cast and crew to be outside.

Littlefield's first clue came when a stiff wind swept across the prairie, obliterating an orange traffic cone. "I'll never forget this visual," he said. "It literally shattered. It was so cold that the orange traffic cone just turned into confetti strips."

When the warming bus wouldn't start and the pipes in the portable washroom froze, Littlefield knew the shoot would have to be called off.

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While much of the desired look of *Fargo* was taken care of by Mother Nature, it needed to be bolstered in some scenes by fake snow.

On a shoot just outside downtown Calgary on a balmy March day, flakes with the consistency of shredded rice cakes were seen blowing around the set.

While the phoney snow looks good, actors said it's a bother to work in.

"A pain in the ass," deadpanned Martin Freeman, who plays Lester Nygaard, an unhappily married insurance salesman.

"It stays on your feet. It gets stuck in your shoes. But it's a necessary pain in the ass. But it is marginally more comfortable than real snow," he said.

Allison Tolman said she's not a fan either.

"It's pretty disgusting stuff, but it looks good."

Premiere

Fargo airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on the new specialty channel FXX starting April 15. The first episode will also be shown on FX Canada.

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Dunham was crushed to realize she's straight

While being honoured at the Point Foundation awards earlier this week, Dunham praised her lesbian sister and admitted to a tinge of sexual orientation-centred jealousy, according to E! Online. "I have always felt a strong and emotional connection to the members of the LGBTQ community," Dunham says. "It was actually a huge disappointment for me when I came of age and realized that I was sexually attracted to men. So when my sister came out I thought, 'Thank God, someone in this family can truly represent my passions and beliefs.'"

What's eating Johnny Depp? Friends worry he's hiding partying from fiancée

Johnny Depp's engagement to Amber Heard seems to have calmed his wild ways, but sources close to the Pirates of the Caribbean star are worried he hasn't actually cleaned up his act and is hiding his more reckless behaviour from her, according to Radar Online.

"Johnny was so wild for so long, and it's hard to believe that Amber has straightened him out completely. Last year he was partying with six chicks and getting turned away from bars. This year,



One for the Money? Heigl sues drugstore chain over tweeted paparazzi shot

Katherine Heigl is suing New York pharmacy chain Duane Reade for tweeting about her, according to Entertainment Tonight. Heigl apparently wasn't too thrilled when the chain posted a photo of her near one of their stores to its Twitter and Facebook accounts. "Duane Reade is liable for not less than \$6 million in

compensatory and punitive or treble damages," a suit filed by Heigl reads. The photo, taken by paparazzi without Heigl's permission, was posted with the caption, "Even (Heigl) can't resist shopping NYC's favorite drugstore." The proceeds from any legal victory for the actress would go to charity. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



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Naya Rivera, Big Sean put the 'ex' in Rolex

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Naya Rivera and Big Sean have called off their engagement. But their breakup is no placid, cordial conscious uncoupling. It's more of a tweet-accusations-of-theft kind of uncoupling.

Rapper Big Sean's rep said that it was his decision to call off the engagement, denying rumours that he'd cheated. Sources told TMZ that he called things off because Rivera, who stars on Glee as Santana, was too controlling

and jealous.

Rivera herself felt no need to get her side of the story out through anonymous sources: She went straight to the Internet. In a now-deleted tweet, she wrote, "@bigsean stealing rolexes from a lady's house now. Maybe cuz I'm on Glee and making more money or something. #triflin."

Burn! But the story doesn't end there. Sources told TMZ that the watch was actually Sean's and he just lent it to Rivera. We look forward to more deleted tweets in response.

Regardless, neither is likely to languish in singlehood for long: Rivera seems to have gone up a cup size or two of late. And hey, Big Sean has a Rolex now.



The new issue of Rolling Stone, out April 24. MARK SELIGER/ROLLING STONE

Rolling Stone flubs Louis-Dreyfus's 'tattoo'

Julia Louis-Dreyfus better hope her latest tattoo is a temporary one.

The cover image of next month's Rolling Stone magazine featuring the Veep star depicts a nude Louis-Dreyfus with a tattoo of the U.S. Constitution signed by John Hancock across her back. The problem is Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence, not the Constitution.

Louis-Dreyfus jokingly blamed the blunder on Mike McClintock, the fictional Veep character played by Matt Walsh who serves as communications director to Louis-Dreyfus' Vice-President Selina Meyer on the HBO comedy series.

"Yet another Mike (expletive)-up," the 53-year-old actress posted Wednesday on Twitter. "Dummy."

The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia mocked the flub by tweeting a photo of the cover alongside such founding fathers as George Washington and Benjamin Franklin in Signers' Hall with the words, "Thanks for the shoutout but no Hancock here."

Rolling Stone spokeswoman Melissa Bruno said the Declaration of Independence is on the other side of Louis-Dreyfus' body, but they couldn't fit in the signatures.

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**Condiment****Salsa Verde**

- 1 1/2 cups (2 handfuls) parsley leaves, de-stemmed
- 1 handful (about 40) chives, chopped
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup capers
- 3 cloves garlic
- 4 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- ground black pepper
- 1/4 small red onion, chopped
- 1 small tin (8-10) anchovies, drained
- yolk of one hard boiled egg

Purée all the ingredients in a food processor until smooth. Salsa Verde keeps in a covered jar in the fridge for about a week or it can be frozen.

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1. Rub lamb all over with Salsa Verde (see left) and season with salt and pepper. Cover and stand 30 minutes, or refrigerate for up to 12 hours. If you put lamb in the fridge, take it out 30 minutes before cooking so it can reach room temperature before going into the oven.

2. When you are ready to eat, preheat oven to 230 C. Transfer lamb to an oven tray or heavy cast iron dish and roast for 16-20 minutes or until it is done to your preference. Remove

Ingredients

- 3 lamb racks, trimmed, or 6 lamb back straps or 3-4 lamb rumps
- 4 tbsp Salsa Verde
- flaky salt and ground black pepper

the dish from the oven, cover it with aluminum foil and then place a couple of clean cloths over the top to keep it warm while it rests for 10-15 minutes.

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MLB

Blue Jays put brooms away in loss to Astros

Robbie Grossman hit a two-run homer, Jonathan Villar belted a three-run blast and Jason Castro added a solo shot as the Houston Astros avoided a three-game sweep Thursday with a 6-4 win over the Toronto Blue Jays at Rogers Centre.

Colby Rasmus hit a solo homer for the Blue Jays (5-5), who fell back to the .500 mark with the loss. Toronto ace R.A. Dickey (1-2) allowed five earned runs and six hits over seven innings.

Starter Dallas Keuchel (1-1) went seven innings for Houston (4-6), allowing five hits and one earned run. The Blue Jays rallied for three runs in the ninth inning before Anthony Bass got the final out for his first save.

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MMA

GSP recovering after knee surgery

Former UFC champion Georges St-Pierre says his knee surgery went well and the rehab that looms ahead won't impact his decision on whether to return to mixed martial arts competition.

The 32-year-old Montreal fighter's left knee was operated on Wednesday in Los Angeles. He had reconstructive surgery on the other knee in December 2011.

St-Pierre plans to spend the next three months rehabbing in Los Angeles, using the same team as he did for the last operation.

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Flames goalie Karri Ramo makes a save against the Kings' Jake Muzzin as Mark Giordano defends on Wednesday night. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flames ending a season of close calls

NHL. Calgary has sat through a roller-coaster of one-goal games, winning 25, losing 24

Does playing 49 games decided by a single goal this season mean the Calgary Flames' rebuild will be quick?

There's been both fun and frustration winning 25 and losing 24 of them, but what the tight games have done is bought goodwill and patience from the Flames' fan base.

Calgary (35-38-7) will fin-

ish out of the playoffs for a fifth straight season when its campaign concludes Sunday in Vancouver. With two games remaining, the Flames can finish no higher than 24th in the 30-team league.

Calgary hosts the Winnipeg Jets on Friday in what will be its home finale and the last game of the season for the Jets, who will also have an early summer.

The Flames compensated for their lack of talent this season with tenacity, which contributed to so many narrow scores. It also generated hope for the future, which is a necessary ingredient for any profes-

sional sports franchise out of the post-season.

"I've been in hockey for a long time. I got only one standing ovation," Flames head coach Bob Hartley said Thursday. "I saw my team get a standing ovation here this year after a loss. That's probably a first in hockey history and it shows ... the passion that our fans have for our hockey club."

"I understand that they're showing patience. They see guys never give up, guys block shots, go to the wall and they respect that. We established a blue-collar attitude over here and this is the first step of be-

A share of the record

The NHL doesn't keep this statistic, but according to the Elias Sports Bureau, the Flames' 49 one-goal games ties a league record set in 2010-11 by the Florida Panthers.

- The shootout introduced in 2005-06 increased the likelihood of games decided by a goal.

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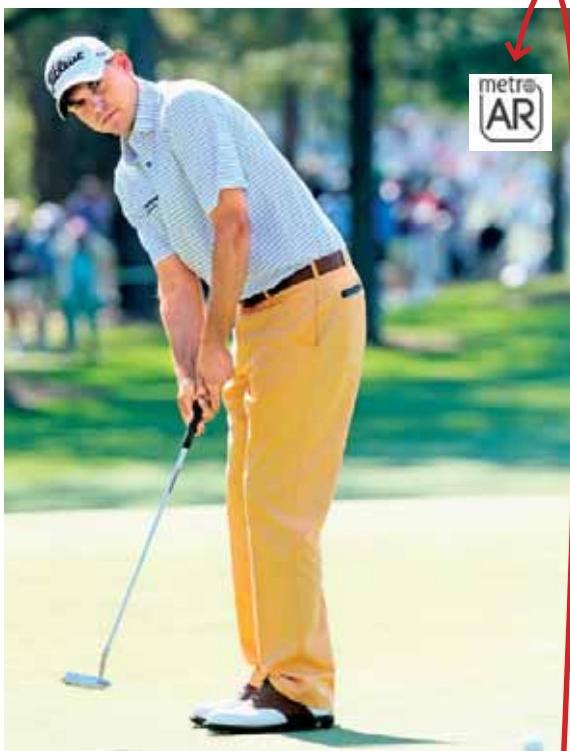
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Bill Haas puts on the first green during the first round of the Masters on Thursday in Augusta, Ga. Haas is trying to do what his father, Jay, couldn't do — win a major. He is in good position after a 4-under 68 for the opening-round lead. Scan the above image using the Metro News app to view a photo gallery of other golfers on the greens, as well as a couple of celebrities cheering on their significant others. ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

Making Haaste to the top of the leaderboard

The Masters. Bill Haas attempting to win green jacket for his golfing family

With dad in his ear, Bill Haas turned in the best round of his Masters career Thursday.

Now he wants to do what his father never could — finish the job.

Haas birdied the final hole for a 4-under 68 and the opening-round lead, the first time he has broken 70 in five appearances at Augusta National.

His father, Jay, played in the Masters 22 times, with five top-10 finishes topped by a tie for third in 1995. He is staying with his son this week and providing valuable advice on the practice range.

"I never remember thinking, 'Man, I wish I could hit this shot for my dad,'" Bill Haas said. "But I do know that



Graham DeLaet of Weyburn, Sask., lines up a putt during the first round of the Masters on Thursday. ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

there's times I'm like, 'I wish my dad could hit this shot for me.'

Jay Haas never won a major despite having plenty of success on the PGA Tour.

Maybe his 31-year-old son can take care of that family oversight.

"I think he deserves a ma-

jor in his career as good as he played," Bill Haas said.

Defending champion Adam Scott has his major title and got off to a strong start in his quest to stay dressed in green.

Scott rolled in a testy putt to save par at the 18th, and finished with a 69, one shot off the lead.

Canadians in Augusta

It was a tough first round for Graham DeLaet of Weyburn, Sask. DeLaet bogeyed six of his first seven holes and opened at 8-over 80.

- Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., who won the green jacket in 2003, shot a first round of 1 over.

"It was a nice way to walk off, not shooting 70," Scott said.

Louis Oosthuizen and Bubba Watson, another owner of a green jacket, matched Scott with a 69.

Playing in their first Masters, Jimmy Walker, Kevin Stadler and Jonas Blixt were among those shooting 70, making their way around the course just fine despite some unfamiliarity with the revered layout. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

The influence of Neptune, planet of deception, in your chart warns you could give away too much information about yourself. Be generous with your time and, if you can afford it, with your money but keep your secrets to yourself.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Why are you trying to swim against the tide when you know it's a battle you are destined to lose? You may not agree with the way things are going but you have no choice but to go with it, for now.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Someone you have always thought of as a rival will surprise you today by being not just friendly but also open and honest on a personal level. Is it a trick? No it is not.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If you want to make a success of something, get assistance. According to the planets, you have taken it as far as you can on your own. Now you must share the load with others.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Over the next week you will think more and more about your career and long-term ambitions. The need to make money may be a motivating factor but the most important thing is that do what you love.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You seem to be in everyone's good books at the moment, which makes you suspicious. The simple fact is some people like you for who you are, so stop being negative.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you say something you know to be untrue today, the planets warn you will be found out. There is absolutely no reason you should lie or give false information.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may not understand why so many people are singing your praises but you must have done something to warrant being the centre of attention. Milk the applause.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You may be on top of your game but a week or so from now your energy may dip, so don't make too many plans and certainly don't take on any more chores. If anything, you need a rest.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Something unexpected will happen today and because you like everything to happen at the right time, chances are you will be thrown out of your stride. Good. It's not healthy to get too set in your ways.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

The more open you have been in recent weeks, the more you need to spend some time by yourself now. This is a time for thinking and for coming to terms with your feelings. You can't do that at a party.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You may have to take a detour today but that's OK. You will reach your chosen destination so don't be impatient. It's what you see and hear and feel along the way that makes the journey worth it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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TODAY

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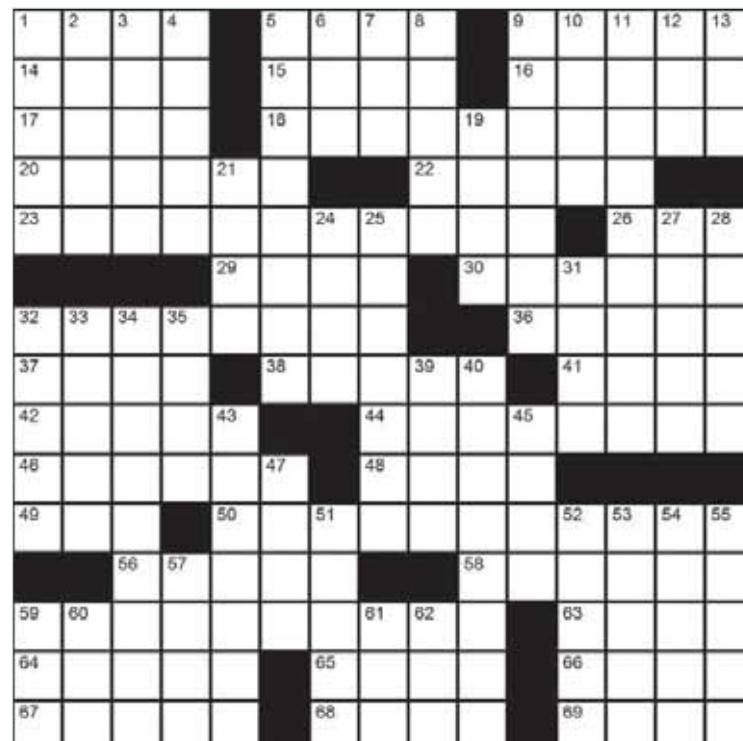
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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- 1. ___. Coach
- 5. Actor Christian
- 9. __ boom
- 14. __ Superstack (Sudbury landmark)
- 15. Soprano's showstopper
- 16. Actress Dianne
- 17. Corn: French
- 18. As in recent news... Vancouver Island tree which might be the second largest of its kind in Canada: 2 wds.
- 20. Ratify
- 22. Ms. Zellweger
- 23. Concerns for students: 2 wds.
- 26. Elvis record label
- 29. E. __ (Bacteria)
- 30. __ one's laurels
- 32. Ice Age creature
- 36. Awry
- 37. Turkish title, variably
- 38. Actress Hilary
- 41. Mr. Preminster
- 42. Valley of BC, Bella __
- 44. Ontario: __ Bay, dubbed the 'sixth Great Lake'
- 46. __- dress
- 48. \$1.00 coin bird, Common __
- 49. Teaching deg.
- 50. #43-Down's winner gets presented with a what to wear?: 2 wds.
- 56. Waters: Spanish 58. Get away
- 59. They define The Group of Seven
- 63. Hip-Hop house
- 64. Hamilton CFL player
- 65. Functions
- 66. Pretty material
- 67. "Later, alligator!"
- 68. Kingly address
- 69. Outsy opposite
- 70. Prickly person's predispositions: 2 wds.

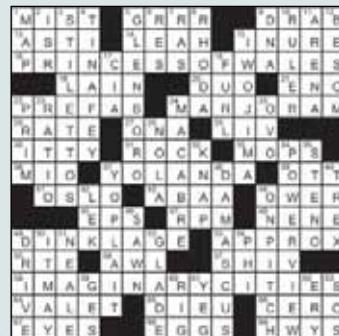


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- Down**
- 1. Target: 2 wds.
 - 2. Debacle
 - 3. Book genre
 - 4. Learn __ (Dog training basic)

- Zeta-Jones is from
10. France/Belgium river
11. Ancient Egypt's beautiful Queen
12. Q. " __ ' the 9th letter?" A. "Aye."
13. Midpoint [abbr.]
19. Sideways glance

Yesterday's Crossword



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6	9	1	6	2	4	5	3	7
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9	5	2	4	8	1	6	7	3
4	1	3	7	6	2	9	8	5
7	6	8	5	9	3	4	2	1

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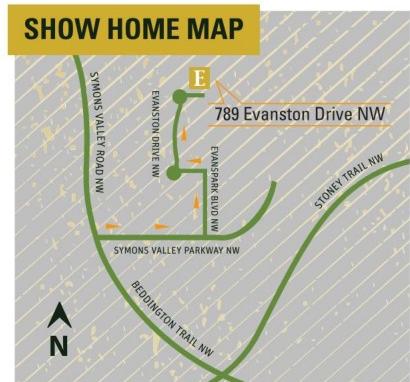
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